Town of Stoneham
Massachusetts

2009 Annual Report

On the cover:

Sketch of sign that the Board of Selectmen voted to install on Town property in a prominent place to welcome home our troops from Stoneham as they return. The bottom section will accept inserts that will bear the name of each veteran as they return home.

(Sketch courtesy of Gamit Signs)

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Board of Selectmen

Left to right: Front Row: Selectman Richard S. Gregorio, Selectman R. Paul Rotondi, Chairman John F. DePinto, Selectman Robert W. Sweeney, and Selectman Frank Vallarelli. **(Photo by William T. Ryerson)**

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General Information

Incorporated:	December 17, 1725
Population:	22,914
Land Area:	6.6 square miles
Location:	Ten miles north of Boston; close proximity to Interstate Highways 93 and 128
Form of Government:	Open Town Meeting Selectmen/Town Administrator
Annual Town Election:	First Tuesday in April
Annual Town Meeting:	First Monday in May
Town Operating Budget (FY10):	$59,770,634
Assessed Valuation (FY10):	$3,067,844,785
2009 Tax Rate:	
Residential	$11.49
Commercial	$18.87
Senators in Congress:	John F. Kerry Scott Brown
Representative in Congress: (Seventh Congressional District)	Edward J. Markey
Sixth Councillor District:	Michael J. Callahan
Middlesex and Essex Senatorial District:	Richard Tisei
30th Representative District	James Dwyer
31st Representative District	Jason Lewis
District Court:	4th East Middlesex Woburn, Massachusetts

Stoneham
A Brief Profile

Once a major shoe manufacturing center, the Stoneham of today is a residential community whose commerce includes a balanced mix of retailing, service businesses, and a scattering of light manufacturing.

Recreational facilities abound in Stoneham. Supervised summer programs are provided at our seven playgrounds and thirteen tennis courts. Little League Baseball, Youth Basketball, Pop Warner Football, Youth Hockey, and Soccer Club are all active in our town. The Stoneham Boys and Girls Club provides indoor recreation year round. Town-owned Unicorn Recreational nine-hole golf course, par three Stoneham Oaks golf course, and an indoor heated skating rink at Unicorn Arena are available for community use. There is also a private nine-hole golf course at Bear Hill Country Club. Our Whip Hill wildlife sanctuary and manor house, consisting of over thirty acres, is a prized asset of Stoneham. The Walter D. Stone Memorial Zoo attracts many visitors.

The Middlesex Fells Reservation, one of the State's largest parks, comprises a major portion of Stoneham (32%) and offers nature trails, bridle paths, and picnicking. The Department of Conservation and Recreation facilities in Stoneham consist of the following:

Swimming Pool
Bear Hill Observatory
Spot Pond
Outdoor Skating Rink

Stoneham has an outstanding public school system, including Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School, and also offers private education at St. Patrick's School, Seventh Day Adventist School, and private kindergartens.

Churches include All Saints Episcopal, First Baptist, First Congregational, St. James United Methodist, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic, and Stoneham Memorial Seventh Day Adventist.

Central Animal Hospital and Stoneham Animal Hospital both care for our pet population.

Stoneham's Senior Center is a source of pleasure for our elder residents, whether they partake of the noontime meal or join in the many planned activities for their enjoyment.

Public housing is available for both senior and low income residents. The Town is 98% sewered, and the Public Works Department renders outstanding service as to plowing, sanding, etc.

Comcast, RCN, and Verizon provide cable television service in Stoneham, allowing for a choice.

Our local newspapers, the Stoneham Independent and the Stoneham Sun, are published weekly.

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
2009

Terms Expire

MODERATOR

Michael J. Rotondi	2011

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Frank Vallarelli	2010
John F. DePinto, Chairman	2010
Richard S. Gregorio	2011
R. Paul Rotondi	2012
Robert W. Sweeney	2012

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Joseph C. Viselli	2010
Shelly MacNeill	2011
David C. Maurer	2011
Marie T. Christie	2012
Shawn M. McCarthy	2012

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Richard D. Mangerian	2010
William J. Jordan	2011
Craig J. Celli	2012

TOWN CLERK

John J. Hanright	2010

BOARD OF HEALTH

Daniel T. Doherty	2010
Christine M. Carino	2011
John J. Scullin	2010

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Vincent L. Orsillo	2010
William F. Jordan	2011
Frederick F. Mosley, Chairman	2013
Edward J. Pinato	2014
Thomas E. Anderson, Governor's Appointee (Appointed 3/26/09)	
Joanne Graves, Executive Director	Ex-officio

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Susan K. Doucette	2010
Susan Waldman Fixman	2010
Rocco Ciccarello	2011
Michael Rora	2011
Catherine F. DiDonato	2012
Jane Francis	2012

NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Anthony DeTeso	2012

PLANNING BOARD

Stephen R. Catalano	2010
Thomas J. O'Grady	2011
August S. Niewenhous, III	2012
Kevin C. McLaughlin	2013
Kevin Dolan	2014

CONSTABLES

Fredric Kranefuss	2012
Robert E. Moreira	2012
Robert W. Nardone	2012

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

James J. McDermott, Jr., Employees' Representative	2011
Elsie M. Wallace, Employees' Representative	2011
Janice T. Houghton, Chairman	2011
Cosmo M. Ciccarello, Designee of the Board of Selectmen	
Ronald J. Florino, Town Accountant	Ex-Officio

BOARD OF APPEALS

Laurence J. Rotondi	2010
Raymond Michael Dufour	2010
James A. Juliano	2011
Henry T. Sampson	2011
Gerard J. Cunningham	2012
Timothy Libby, Associate Member	2010
Associate Member	2010

BIKE AND GREENWAY COMMITTEE

Cameron Bain, Chairman	Robert Vercollone	Robert Conway
Theresa Ward	Rita G. Covelle	Kristen Wigandt
Peter Daniels	Shirley Drinkwater	John Ranlett
Wendy Smith	Joan Terrasi	
Bee Russo, Assoc. Member		Trudy Sevier, Assoc. Member
Marilyn Regan, Assoc. Member		John C. Goodwin, Assoc. Member

BUSINESS CLIMATE COMMITTEE

Ralph Barile	August Niewenhous	Janice Houghton
Sharon Iovanni	Alan Melkonian	Cheryl Walsh

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Brian Domoretsky	Richard Gregorio	Kevin McLaughlin
Andrew Gould	Les Olson	Nick Stavre

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Norman L'Esperance	2010
Walter Lynch	2010
Ellen McBride (Apptd 11/17/09)	2011
Robert Parsons	2011
Kevin O'Brien	2011
Robert E. Conway (Apptd 11/17/09)	2012
Daniel C. Towse	2012
Josh Portman, Assoc. Member	2010
Assoc. Member	2010

COUNCIL ON AGING

Sarkis Babikian	2011
Marcia M. Wengen	2011
Carol Covill (Apptd 6/2/09)	2012
Generoso J. Ferullo	2012
Donald Smith	2012
Richard Bardet	2010
Dorothy A. Corkum	2010

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Catherine A. Granese	9/21/10
Grace L. Tringale	2/27/10
Rosann M. Hansen	4/30/11
Jane C. DiGangi	9/21/11
Lisa Gallagher	4/30/12
Dennis O'Hara	4/30/12
Alice Bartram	10/13/12
Melissa Powers	10/13/12

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Fire Chief Joseph Rolli
Police Chief Richard Bongiorno
David A. Portman, Action Ambulance Service, Inc.

FINANCE & ADVISORY BOARD

Benjamin A. Caggiano	2010
John P. DeAmicis	2010
John C. Warren, Chairman	2010
Open	2010
Stephen Born	2011
Nicholas Stavre	2011
William Previdi	2011
Jeanne Craigie	2012
James C. Sinclair	2012
Russ Wilson	2012
Open	2012

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

David LeBlanc (Apptd 11/17/09)	2010
Stephen E. Rotondi, Chairman	2010
Margaret O. Warren	2010
Joanne DiMambro	2011
Joan Quigley	2011
Paul Foley	2012
Marcia M. Wengen	2012

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Stephen E. Rotondi, President
Donna M. Weiss, 1st Vice President
Elizabeth Whelan, 2nd Vice President
Susan Doucette, Secretary
Donald F. Marchant, Treasurer

LAND AND BUILDING USE COMMITTEE

John Bracciotti James Juliano, Jr. Catherine Moore
Kristen Russo Marcia Wengen

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Michael Doucette Fredric Kranefuss, Chairman James Lamb
Frederick Mosley James Standish

MYSTIC VALLEY ELDER SERVICES

Gene Ferullo	2010

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Therese DiBlasi	2010
Stephen P. Sylvester	2010
Chris Abreu, Chairman	2011
Denise Healy	2011
Maureen Houghton	2011
Stephen G. McDonough	2011
James Sarno	2011
Dennis J. Visconti	2012

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Lawrence C. Allen	2010
Rocco Ciccarello	2011
Theresa A. Ward	2012
John J. Hanright, Town Clerk	Ex-Officio

SPORTS FACILITY COMMITTEE

Kevin Dolan	Charles F. Houghton	Dana Marek
Robert Nolan	Thomas O'Grady	Paul Sacco

STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

John Bowen	Cosmo M. Ciccarello	Gordon E. Perks
Peter B. D'Angelo	Patrick F. Jordan, Jr.	

TOWN OPERATIONS/STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Benjamin Caggiano	Stephen G. MacLeod	James A. Juliano, Sr.
Eugene M. Passaro	Maureen Soley	

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Mary S. Bond	Francis Roberts
Frederick Mosley	Guerino Tamburrini

WATER AND SEWER REVIEW BOARD

Stephen a. Quattrocchi - Selectmen Designee	2010
John L. Bracciotti – Finance Board Designee	2010
Richard Mangerian - Selectmen Designee	2011
Tracey Butterworth – Selectmen Designee	2012
Therese DiBlasi, Chairman – Finance Board Designee	2012

APPOINTED TOWN POSITIONS
2009

Town Administrator.....David Ragucci

Director of Assessing.....Brian Macdonald

Inspector of Buildings.....Cheryl Noble

Director of Civil Preparedness.....Joseph Rolli

Fence Viewer.....Cheryl Noble

Fire Chief.....Joseph Rolli

Library Director.....Mary Todd

Police Chief.....Richard Bongiorno

Public Works Director.....Robert E. Grover

Superintendent of Schools.....Les Olson

Town Accountant.....Ronald J. Florino

Town Counsel.....William H. Solomon, Esq.

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector.....Diane Murphy

Asst. Town Treasurer/Tax Collector.....Paulette Gerry

Director of Veterans Services.....Carl Saunders

Town Government Organization

Citizens Elect:

Board of Selectmen
School Committee
Town Clerk
Board of Assessors
Planning Board
Constables
Library Trustees
Board of Health
*Housing Authority
Moderator
Northeast Metropolitan Regional
Vocational School Representative

Selectmen Appoint:

Town Administrator
Town Counsel
Town Accountant
Selectmen's Office Staff
Council on Aging
Board of Appeals
Conservation Commission
Commission for the Handicapped
Historical Commission
Recreation and Open Space Comm.
Registrars of Voters
Designee to Board of Retirement
All multi-member
Boards/Committees unless
otherwise specified

*Four Elected, One Appointed by State EOCD

School Committee Appoints:

Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent of Schools Appoints:

School Staff

Town Administrator Appoints:

Building and Wire Inspectors
Animal Control Officer
Fire Chief
Police Chief
Town Engineer
Treasurer/Tax Collector
Director of Veterans Services
All Other Officers and Employees

Library Trustees Appoint:

Library Director
Library Staff

Town Moderator Appoints:

Finance & Advisory Board
Ad Hoc Committees

Board of Selectmen
2009

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present the 2009 Annual Report to the residents of Stoneham, in accordance with Section 2-31 of the Town Code, which reads as follows:

Every officer in charge of a department shall annually, on or before the tenth day of January, transmit to the Selectmen, in writing, a report containing a statement of the acts and doings of his department for the past financial year; such report shall be printed in the Annual Report.

On April 7, 2009, R. Paul Rotondi and Robert W. Sweeney were reelected to three-year terms as Selectmen. On April 21, 2009, the Board reorganized. John F. DePinto was elected Chairman; R. Paul Rotondi, Vice-Chairman; Frank Vallarelli, Secretary; Richard S. Gregorio and Robert W. Sweeney, Members. Muriel Doherty is Office Manager to the Board. In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2-45, of the Town Code, William H. Solomon was reappointed Town Counsel for the Town of Stoneham, on March 10, 2009.

Many applicants were assisted by this office and applications were processed for the Helen Walcott Stockwell Trust, which covers payment of medical bills for Stoneham residents unable to pay, who qualify. Funds were distributed to various hospitals and physicans by the Trust. Residents may apply at the Selectmen's office, by phone, mail, or in person for an application and information, and are encouraged to do so.

Seven (7) lots are available at Lindenwood Cemetery to be used for the burial of indigent Stoneham residents. Mrs. Edna H. Kirts donated eight lots to the Town in memory of her father, Charles Cloudman, on October 16, 1979. Residents may contact the Board of Selectmen's office to determine eligibility.

The Board of Selectmen met 31 times during 2009. In addition, there were two Town Meetings held this year and two elections. Members of the Board attended many sub-committee meetings and meetings of other boards, committees, and commissions, in addition to attending conferences. The Board of Selectmen made appointments to boards and committees during the year. Several Public Hearings were held relative to site plan approval; public utilities as to installation of poles and conduits; public input on projects; and determination and adoption of local tax revenue to be borne by each class of real and personal property. License revenue in 2009 for all licenses was $50,710. In addition, funds were received from the three cable companies in Stoneham and various other businesses.

The war on terrorism and the war in Iraq continue, after the horrendous attacks of 9/11/01. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all the residents of Stoneham who are still serving our country, as well as our Town employees and armed forces from all over the country. We are proud of them and thankful to them for their service.

The Board of Selectmen once again worked on a budget to provide the services the residents of Stoneham have come to expect, in the face of sharp reductions in State funding to the Town.

On December 1, 2009, the Board of Selectmen held our annual Senior Citizen Holiday Party. This affair was held at Montvale Plaza. The dinner, entertainment, and beautiful function hall were once again donated by Marty Murphy and his family, owners of Montvale Plaza. About 320 seniors enjoyed dinner, entertainment, raffle prizes, and gifts for all. The Board thanks Marty Murphy along with the businesses and individuals who generously donated money and raffle prizes or who volunteered to serve at the party. Donations of cash or raffle gifts were received from Angelo's Pizzeria & Ristorante, Bacci's Restaurant, Barile Funeral Home, China Moon, Atty. Steven L. Cicatelli, Dairy Dome, Dunkin Donuts (62A Montvale, 128 Franklin, and inside Stop & Shop), Gaetano's Ristorante, Gay's Florist, Georgie D's Restaurant, J.J. Grimsby & Co, Hairmates Hair Salon, Atty. Charles Houghton, Liberty Bell, Sato II Restaurant, Shaw's Supermarket, Stoneham Animal Hospital, StonehamBank, Stoneham Ford, Stoneham Fire Fighters Union, Stoneham Police Superior Officers Union, Stoneham Police Patrolmen's Union, Stoneham Savings Bank, Three Amigos Mexican Restaurant, Sen. Richard Tisei, Rep. James Dwyer, and Rep. Jason Lewis. Their generosity and hard work contributed to the good time had by all.

The Board of Selectmen, which sets policy for the Town, continues to be receptive to citizen input, at public hearings, through phone calls received at home, in our contact with the public, and in phone calls and visits made to our office by the public. The Board welcomes this input. The Board holds public hearings on important issues to give the townspeople and businesses an opportunity to be heard. The Board of Selectmen and its office continue to perform the multiple, diverse functions required by both Town Bylaws and Massachusetts General Law and to assist the public where needed.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank all Town officers, employees, and members of committees for their efforts and dedication during the past year. Their hard work and cost-cutting contributes to the Town continuing to provide a level of service that makes Stoneham a desirable place to live for all ages.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Like every community in the Commonwealth Stoneham has felt the effect of the two year recession. In 2009 the Commonwealth reduced local aid by a total of 1.3 million dollars. The effects of this large cut were mitigated by the Town of Stoneham's entry into the Group Health Insurance (GIC), and by the never ending vigilance each Department Head exercises in spending your tax dollars. In 2009 we consolidated the functions of the Whip Hill Care Taker under the DPW. DPW has also taken on the roll of facility management for all Town owned buildings. As Stoneham continues to struggle to meet its obligations to its citizens; 2009 is a year that we have seen more sharing of staff, equipment and supplies between departments. With the investment we made in technology we are seeing improvements and efficiencies in daily operations. I give much credit to the hard working employees that maintain a level of service with fewer dollars.

Even in these difficult times we have been addressing the much needed capital improvements. This year we purchased two new police cruisers and a new van for our senior citizens. We eliminated the flooding problem at the library. And we continue to stay on top of our water and sewer infrastructure. Though much more work and money is needed we have begun to address the communications systems in our public safety departments. We repaired the large auditorium windows in Town Hall and are waiting for prices to repair/replace the doors at the Arena and a window at our library.

All of our collective bargaining agreements have expired and are negotiating with all of our unions for a successor agreement we have offered a 0% pay raise for FY 10. It is important for me to point out that all non union employees under my control have not seen a pay raise in FY 10. For the first time in recent history the communities that participate in the regional school system band together in reducing the charges assessed to these communities. The communities feel that the regional school districts should not be allowed to increase their budgets as our public schools are asked to do more with less.

As health insurance costs have been mitigated by entry into the GIC, we have also reduced our liability insurance costs by changes in plan design. We were also released from any damages on the Central School case which should result in more favorable renewal rates in FY 11.

In 2009 the town disposed of some unneeded property that brought in some revenues but more importantly relieved the taxpayers of the liabilities on these properties. At Town Meeting the Town agreed to lease certain areas of the long anticipated bike path which resulted in revenues while reducing the liability exposure to the taxpayer. We must continue to look at all of our assets to ensure they are performing at the maximum benefit to our taxpayers.

I wish to thank all of the hard working dedicated employees of Stoneham. Special thanks go to Betty, Deb, and Ginny for their tireless work on behalf of the people of Stoneham.

Annual Report
Board of Assessors

Board of Assessors:

Craig Celli	Chairman
William Jordan	Secretary
Richard D Mangerian	Member

Stoneham Assessors office staff:

Brian C Macdonald	Director of Assessing
Diane F. Lawrence	Admin. Assessing Assistant
Michelle Meagher	Assessing Clerk

The calendar year 2009 began with the release of the actual tax bills for the 2009 Fiscal Year. There were 77 applications for abatement received by the office. There were also 329 statutory exemptions granted by the Board of Assessors as well. The office currently has no pending appeals with the Appellate Tax Board.

Fiscal Year 2010, which began on July 1st, 2009, was an Interim Valuation Year for Stoneham. Values were adjusted to meet state guidelines and received final approval by the Department of Revenue in early November. The tax classification hearing was held on November 17th, 2009. The Board of Assessors recommended a CIP tax shift of 1.53 or 153% of the single tax rate of $12.33. The recommendation was accepted by the Board of Selectman. This established a dual tax rate for the Residential / Open Space and Commercial / Industrial / Personal Property of $11.49 and $18.87 respectively. The total valuation of the community for FY2010 decreased from the previous fiscal year to $3,067,844,785.

2009 Council on Aging
Annual Report

The mission of the Stoneham Council on Aging is to provide outstanding services to seniors by welcoming all to the Senior Center, treating people with kindness, respect and dignity, offering supportive services for social, nutritional and medical needs and providing outreach to all seniors in our community.

Administrative Changes

The seniors were saddened by the retirement of long time director Jane Lavender, who brought many new and exciting activities to the center and by the relocation of director emeritus Barbara Mahoney, who was the driving force in the mid 1990's to renovate our historic Almshouse that provides a home away from home for so many wonderful people.

Despite concerted efforts, the Town and Community Services Network were unable to reach a contractual agreement for a collaboration that would have allowed the Council on Aging to come under Sheila Herbeck's 501c3 not-for-profit umbrella. The Senior Center remains a town department and the revived "Friends" group has begun the process of obtaining the tax exemption status which will provide financial support to the numerous programs and services for senior citizens as well as operation and maintenance of our beautiful 1852 building.

The Council on Aging Board was thrilled to recommend local resident Maureen Canova to David Ragucci, Town Administrator, as a candidate to fill the part time director position. Maureen came to the Senior Center in January as a volunteer to start the Wii Bowling program, served on the COA Board, and continues to matriculate at Salem State College in the Masters of Social Work program. Mr. Ragucci saw the wisdom of hiring her this past September and she is a tremendous asset who has proven her worth in a very short time.

One of Maureen's first endeavors was to engage a function manager, Lisa Cann, to oversee the weekend and evening rental of our facility. In addition to sharing our historic building with the community, these rentals for birthdays, bridal and baby showers and sweet sixteen parties provide valuable funds for maintenance of the building and programs for the seniors.

Activities, Classes & Health Programs

Many free or low cost educational classes were offered at the Senior Center this year. They included AARP's two day Mature Driving Course, Hallmark VNA and Hospice's File of Life Update and Managing Your Blood Pressure Clinic, Attorney Karol Bisbee's Overview of Elder Law sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Association, art educator Paula Beaulieu's ever popular beginner and intermediate watercolor and an added holiday card printmaking workshop. Michelle Meagher from the town's Assessors Office discussed property tax exemptions and answered many questions. Dr. Robert Kwon provided the latest information on cataracts and surgical options. The Stoneham Cultural Council provided for the Delvena Theater Company to present *Titanic Sinks as Stoneham Sleeps* with dialogue drawn from first-hand interviews and articles about this 1912 tragedy.

We continue to offer many health programs in cooperation with Winchester Hospital, Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, the Board of Health, and other agencies to bring many health related clinics, lectures, and materials to our seniors. We work closely with Mystic Valley Elder Services in identifying those seniors in need of additional services such as homecare, meals-on-wheels, protective services and nursing home placement. We also collaborate with the North Suburban Family Network, Hospice, homecare agencies, visiting nurse associations, local physicians, rehabilitation programs, adult day health programs, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, AARP, Veterans' services, local, State and Federal officials, Mass Health, Red Cross, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Massachusetts Transitional Job Services, Social Security, Mental Health organizations, local churches and schools.

The Senior Center offers numerous activities on weekdays, evenings and Saturday mornings. Classes and self-directed activities include Yoga, Tai Chi, Quilting, Knitting, Strength Training, Fitness, Line Dancing, Bridge, Cribbage, Scrabble, Bingo, Painting, Canasta, Chair Caning, Thursday afternoon at the movies, Belly Dancing, Bocce, Horseshoes in a new pit built by Dan Hallissy, Mahjong, Texas Hold 'Em and our delightful Silver Notes Chorus has expanded their repertoire to include a Tambourine Band. The Friday morning Wii Bowling tournament turned out to be a very competitive event between the men and ladies with Thelma Farrell and Henry Fountain taking the top trophies. In addition to the many social activities, we offered income tax preparation, health insurance counseling, attorney services, veterans' assistance, outreach, and volunteer opportunities.

Sandy Kirby continued to coordinate requests for medical rides with our three dedicated volunteers, Don, Joyce and Roger who provide transportation to and from all doctors' offices in Stoneham, Winchester, Melrose, and Wakefield, to the Reading Health Center, Baldwin Park I and II in Woburn and the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital and the Winchester Hospital.

Food for the gods

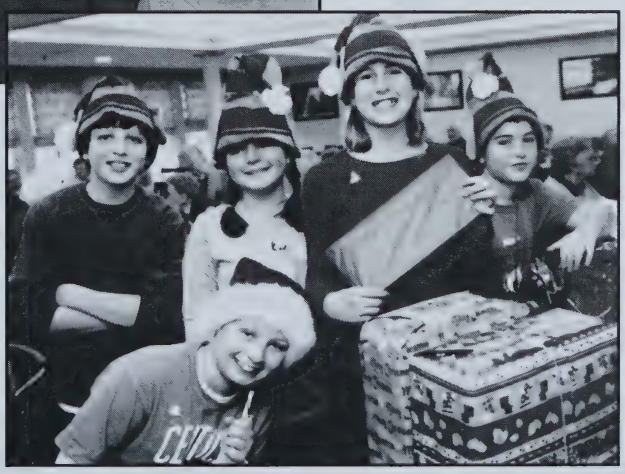
Our noon meal continues to grow as people now have a choice of a hot or cold meal five days per week catered by the Lindley Food Service Company in Everett.

In addition, various community groups sponsored elegant dinners at no cost to the first 50 seniors who responded. Dinners included a traditional St Patrick's Day meal and summer barbeque sponsored by Life Care Center of Stoneham as well as a grand spaghetti and meatball dinner event provided by the Environmental and Occupational Risk Management folks from Woburn and a memorable lasagna dinner sponsored by Hallmark VNA and Hospice. The Fuller House of Stoneham offered a coffee hour and Life Care sponsored an ice cream social. Our annual holiday party in December brought a hundred or so seniors, five clever elves from the 5th grade at South School, a very jolly gentleman in a red suit and lots of raffles, door prizes and tree ornament party favors from two local Girl Scout troops.

Bunny, Gayle, Henry, Connie and Clinton are ready to serve our holiday luncheon

Elves Peter, Cole and Eric entertain the seniors with a rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Santa, Norma, Erin and Peter enjoy a moment during the holiday luncheon.



Elves Eric, Cole, Isabella, Erin and Peter from the fifth grade at South School visited with seniors at the holiday luncheon.

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Fund Raising Efforts

There are many ongoing efforts to raise funds for programs, services and maintenance of the building.

Two of the premier events involved a nineteen week farmer's market and a fourteen week yard sale in our 1917 barn. Although the weather did not always cooperate, on good days we saw 400+ folks visit the market to rediscover the benefits of buying local foods that was often tastier and more nutritious than supermarket offerings. This event was also beneficial to the local economy in that buying directly from local farmers helps to financially support these businesses.

The call for donations of unwanted glassware, dishes, vintage jewelry, small furniture, lamps, books, toys, artworks, frames and collectibles was overwhelming. So many generous people not only made donations but became regular Tuesday "barn again" shoppers. Because some many volunteers worked tirelessly on these summer projects, the Elm Street Committee was able to donate just over $11,000 to the Senior Center!

Pam Hodges, her volunteers and vendors made the Winter Arts and Crafts Festival on December 5th a huge success that raised a sizeable amount of money for the Senior Center. A special thanks to Rona Staunton who provided quality raffles that sparked lots of interest and the Craft Group ladies whose lovely handmade items sold so well.

Our *Giving Tree* was the brainchild of Jane Lavender as a means of recognizing folks who donated $10 or more to the Senior Center. The funds helped us provide special events and programs for the seniors and meet operating expenses including building repairs, maintenance and cleaning. One hundred thirty individual and group donors gave $2,685 and we happily added a second tree for name tags to honor their generosity.

Stepping Up to the Plate

Two major challenges compromised our ability to provide services this year. The breakdown of the central A/C system during the summer and the demise of our only van because of mechanical issues presented us with enormous financial and logistic challenges. We are most grateful to Larry Brophy from DPW who acted as project manager to identify the problems, research, recommend and coordinate the solutions. At the October Town Meeting, voters agreed with David Ragucci's recommendation to fund a new van and air conditioning unit from the Capital Equipment budget. Not only was Stoneham Ford the low bidder, but owner Alan Melkonian and Stoneham Bank President Janice Houghton each arranged for a $7,500 donation toward the cost of a fourteen seat, wheelchair lift equipped van. We are also grateful to Dr. Les Olsen, Superintendent of Schools, who generously allowed us to use of a small school bus until the new van was ready.

Thanks to COA Vice Chairman, Richard Bardet and Duncklee Ave resident Thelma Farrell who organized a project that resulted in a cross walk being painted across Elm Street at Duncklee Ave. We are investigating pedestrian signage to alert drivers to the crosswalk on this busy roadway.

Kathy Celata, 2009 winner of Best Organic Garden in Stoneham, created a delightful garden of perennial plants on the east side of the building. Thank you Kathy for making this public space as beautiful and as "green" as your own gardens.

COA Board

The Council on Aging Board of Directors' role is primarily advisory, as we do not have day-to-day management or supervisory responsibilities with regard to the director, staff or volunteers. That said, the COA Board does have an advocacy role that recognizes, promotes and supports seniors in the community. Board members continue to brainstorm ideas with the goal of identifying and promoting projects that will benefit Stoneham seniors and help Stoneham to become a more liveable community for the exploding population of aging baby boomers. Supportive communities like ours can help seniors live independently and safely and make use of community amenities. The seven member Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month, except July, August and December. The meetings are open to the public.

Publicity

While word-of-mouth often tends to be the best way to advertise our services, we do publish a monthly newsletter, the *Stoneham Sentinel*, which is available at the Center and distributed by our volunteers around town. Also, weekly press releases are printed in our local newspapers. Many of our activities are posted throughout the town as well as on the local cable television station.

Our Thanks

Our Senior Center has a fine reputation of offering a myriad of services to all our seniors. From the most independent to the frailest of elders, we work very hard to make sure we meet all their needs. We thank all our community leaders, businesses, friends, members, staff, volunteers, and especially the seniors for their continued support.

Marcia M. Wengen, Chairperson, COA Board of Directors

Finance and Advisory Board

The year began with the worst financial collapse in our nation's history. Massachusetts was not as hard hit with the housing collapse and mortgage meltdown as other parts of the country. The Commonwealth's diverse economic sectors and overall stable tax base insulated the state from a negative outlook from bonding agencies. AS bad as things were, it could have been worse.

State officials revised revenue benchmarks an unprecedented six times in fiscal year 2009. The initial tax revenue forecast of 21.5 billion dollars was finally revised at $18.3B. To balance its revised budgets of declining revenues, the state cut services, sharply reduced local aid and appropriated $1.3 billion of stabilization money and $500 million of ARRA money Federal relief made a difference to our Commonwealth.

Stoneham's share of recovery and reinvestment money prevented layoffs of teachers and town hall employees. The town directly received over $53,000 in State Fiscal Stabilization Funds and $446,000 in ARRA money.

Nationally, the year ended with some signs of a modest and slow recovery. Statewide the year ended with its first month of revenue collections that met benchmark estimates. Finishing calendar year 2009 with a balanced budget and without deep cuts in services was an accomplishment for the town.

Calendar year 2010 has unprecedented challenges for the country, state and town. During this turbulent time, throughout the periods of doubt, keep your head up. Americans are a world leader. Massachusetts sets the precedent for the country. Stoneham has the best location of any suburb. The Finance and Advisory Board will labor over town meeting appropriations and trudge through each line of the town's revenue forecast. We ask residents to believe that better times are coming. Be patient. Together we will succeed.

STONEHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF JOSEPH W. ROLLI
2009

The mission statement of the Stoneham Fire Department is to protect life, property, and the environment while always striving to maintain the public trust and to prevent harm in our community.

The Stoneham Fire Department strives for excellence in the performance of duty and services to the community and citizens it serves. The Stoneham Fire Department is committed to finding better ways to protect the lives and property of its citizens from the ravages of fire and other disasters and is dedicated to working together for the betterment of our community. The Stoneham Fire Departments priorities in handling all emergencies are life safety (citizens and personnel), property protection, and continuity of operations.

The majority of Fire Department resources; including personnel, equipment, facilities, and support services are committed to fire suppression activities. The basic function of fire suppression operations is that of extinguishing fires and performing related duties once a fire occurs. This, however, is not the Fire Department's only function. Throughout the year the Fire department responded to a variety of calls for assistance. In 2009, the Fire Department responded to 2,659 calls ranging from structure fires to service calls.

Staffing trends in the Stoneham Fire Department increased for the first time in a number of years. This can be attributed to retirement of firefighters with maximum vacation time being replaced with new recruits with minimum vacation time. The Fire Department was awarded a federal grant from FEMA to hire two additional Firefighters. Under the terms of the FEMA grant, the federal government will supplement the personnel cost of these two Firefighters 90% in year one, followed by 70%, 50%, & 30% in subsequent years. As part of the award, the Town of Stoneham must maintain the current positions in the Fire Department throughout the grant. This should help maintain the staffing levels in the next five years. The following table shows staffing level average per shift in the past years.

STAFFING COMPARISON

Year	Average Daily Staffing Level
1990	9.44
2005	7.29
2006	6.96
2007	6.52
2008	6.31
2009	7.00

Some of the staffing issues can be attributed to the fact that 970 hours were lost due to personnel commitments to the military and 941 hours were lost due to injured personnel.

These staffing levels are still below standards set forth by the National Fire Protection Association that state that the absolute minimum amount of personnel responding to a structure fire should be at least twelve. In fact, the Town of Stoneham had a Fire department study done by MMA Consulting Group, Inc. in 2001 that reported that no

shift at the Stoneham Fire Department should have less than eight personnel working at all times.

Wikipedia encyclopedia defines a fire alarm as a tier of response by what resources are needed. According to Wikipedia, 3 Engines and 1 Ladder Truck should respond to an alarm. The Stoneham Fire Department responds with 1 Engine and 1 Quint (combination Engine & Ladder Truck).

The Stoneham Fire Department has relied upon its mutual aid partners to assist in many emergency calls, most notably the January 25 fire on Celestine Terrace, the April 8 fire on Waterhouse Road, the May 23 fire on Parker Chase Road, the May 30 fire on Pomeworth Street, and the July 17 fire on Main Street. All of these multiple alarm fires required mutual aid from four different surrounding Fire Departments.

Stoneham Fire Department is a member of the Massachusetts Metro Fire District (Metro Fire). Metro Fire is an association of 35 communities plus the Massport (Logan Airport) Fire Department. The association was formed for the purpose of updating, expanding, and controlling mutual aid in the area, and to act as a common entity for exploring and improving management activities and fire protection operations in the region. Metro Fire encompasses the Boston Metropolitan area within the Route 128 perimeter.

The Fire Prevention Division is dedicated to providing the citizens the safest possible environment in which to live. Education, Prevention, and Code Enforcement are all critical functions that provide increased fire safety for the community. Unfortunately, many times throughout the year, Fire Prevention personnel had to be reassigned to keep shift strength at even below minimum standards. The Fire Prevention Division delivered a school fire safety program to the schools from K-3 as well as work with community groups and town day in promoting Fire Prevention.

The Fire Department brought in $75,356.35 into the town coiffeurs in 2009 through master box, permit, and inspection fees as well as training reimbursement and details.

A $4,900 S.A.F.E. grant was awarded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well as $197,540 FEMA grant for additional personnel were received by the Fire Department in 2009. Additional grant that have been applied for were with the Leary Firefighters Foundation and FM Global

The Fire Department partnered with the Stoneham Sports center in 2009 to allow residents to purchase replica tee shirts and sweatshirts that are worn by the Firefighters. Residents can purchase these items on line or at the Sports Center. A portion of the proceeds will go towards helping two organizations in the Town of Stoneham. Anyone purchasing a red tee shirt or sweatshirt will benefit the Stoneham chapter of "HOT", helping our troops, and blue tee shirts and sweatshirts will benefit the Town of Stoneham's Memorial Day Parade Committee.

In June, The Stoneham Fire Department was featured on Fox 25"s for Firehouse Friday as part of their Zip Trip to Stoneham.

The Firefighters also raised $8,200 for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) throughout the year by participation in a ski muster, fill the boot campaign on Town Day, and conducting a voluntary toll booth on Main Street.

Firefighters Sean Fitzgerald, James McLaughlin Jr., Dave Eastman, and Justin Petrillo all served in the military reserve during the course of 2009 and we thank them for their service to our country.

Firefighter Brian McMahon retired during the year and was replaced with Firefighter Brent Last. Firefighters Paul Sodergren and Charlie Webber were appointed with the FEMA grant, Firefighter Robert Dalis was hired due to an upcoming retirement. All of the recruits successfully completed the 12 week recruit training program at the Massachusetts Fire Academy.

On behalf of all members of the Fire Department, I would like to extend a special thanks to Secretary Ann Burnham. Ann is the one constant point of light in the Fire Department who without, would make all our lives much more complicated.

I would like to thank all members of the Stoneham Fire Department and their families for their dedication and commitment they displayed throughout the year. I am proud to be the Fire Chief with the unselfish personnel at the Stoneham Fire department.

STATISTICS

Suppression:

Fires	64
Medical Aids	1547
Vehicle Accidents	253
Investigations	201
Elevator Emergencies	24
Power Lines Down	91
Lockouts	40
Service Calls	45
Water problems	11
Animal Problems	3
Mutual Aid	52
Alarm Activations	328
Total	2659

Prevention:

Smoke Detector Permits	265
Oil Burner Permits	43
Sprinkler Permits	15
Propane Permits	29
Fire Alarm Systems	24
Tank Removal/Replacement	35
Tank Truck Inspections	2
Flammable Fluid Storage	6
Cutting & Welding	5
Victualler Inspections	26
Liquor Inspections	22
School Inspections	12
Quarterly Inspections	56
Church Inspections	7
Other Inspections	9
Total	556

Chief
Joseph W. Rolli

Secretary
Ann Burnham

Fire Prevention
Captain James Marshall
Lieutenant Mike O'Sullivan

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Captain	**Captain**	**Captain**	**Captain**
Scott Webber	James McLaughlin Sr.	Frank Gould	Ed Regan
Lieutenant	**Lieutenant**	**Lieutenant**	**Lieutenant**
Mark Chabak	Al Minotti	Bob Dunphy	John Scullin
Firefighters	**Firefighters**	**Firefighters**	**Firefighters**
B. McNulty	S. Greenleaf	M. Grafton	J. Cryan
J. Galla	A. Riggillo	J. Petrillo	S. Verhault
P. Dockery	C. Humber	M. Mayo	P. McIntyre
J. McLaughlin	M. Labriola	M. Rexrode	E. Bernat
S. Fitzgerald	D. Kelleher	D. Eastman	S. Connolly
B. Last	C. Webber	R. Darragh	P. Sodergren
		R. Dalis	

STONEHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

ENGINE ONE:	2001 American LaFrance Eagle 1,250 gpm pump.
ENGINE FOUR:	1989 Emergency One 1,00 gpm pump
ENGINE FIVE:	1986 Pirsch 1,000 gpm pump.
LADDER ONE:	1995 Emergency One Quint, equipped with a 100 ft. heavy duty ladder and a 1,250 pump.
CAR TWO:	2005 Ford Explorer
CAR THREE:	2002 Ford Explorer
CAR FOUR:	2005 Ford F350 Crew Cab
CAR FIVE:	2001 Ford F450 with a Versa-lift bucket
RESCUE BOAT:	2000 15 foot Boston Whaler with a 40hp Mercury outboard

METRO FIRE
RUNNING CARD
STONEHAM

Alarm	Engine	Engine	Engine	Ladder	Station	Station
1st	STO E1			STO L1	STO E4	STO E5
2ND	WAK	REA			WIN	MEL
3RD	WIN	MEL		WOB	MAL	MED
4TH	MAL	MED			N. REA	LYNFLD
5TH	SOM	BURL		MAL		
6TH	SAU	EVE		MED		
7TH	LEX	REV		SOM		
8TH	ARL	LYNN		LYNN		
9TH	CAMB	CHEL		CAMB		
10TH	WANT	BEL		EVE		

FIREFIGHTERS PRAYER

When I am called to duty, God, whenever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save some life, whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child before it is too late,
Or save an older person form the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,
To guard my every neighbor and protect his property.
And if, according to my fate, I am to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.

STONEHAM FIRE ALARM BOXES

Box #	Location
14	38 Montvale Ave.
141	41 Montvale Ave.
151-154	St. Patrick Church
161-1613	39 Pleasant St. Crossing
17	Redstone Shopping Plaza North Side
171	Marshall's Dept. Store
172	Redstone Shopping Plaza @ Baha Fresh
1721	LA Fitness
1722	Back of Old Ames
1723	Back of Baha Fresh
1724	CVS
173	Shaws Supermarket
175	Rear of Redstone North Side
1939	Town Hall 35 Central Street
211	Franklin St. Near Emerald Court
2113	High School 149 Franklin Street
2116	135 Franklin Street – Brookmeadow Condos
2117	137 Franklin Street – Brookmeadow Condos
2118	133 Franklin Street – Brookmeadow Condos
2119	131 Franklin Street – Brookmeadow Condos
212	Franklin St. at Plaza Avenue
2121	Walsh Ave at Lake Street
2123	157 Franklin Street – Villa Grande (front)
2124	159 Franklin Street – Villa Grande (rear)
213	Perkins Street at North Avenue
2131	Kindercare – Franklin Street
214	Franklin at Isabella
2141	Isabella at Ferdinand Street
215	Avalon and Hampton Road
2151-2156	Avalon Road – Colonial Park School
216	Perkins Street at Newcomb Road
217	Whip Hill Estate
221	Rustic and Sunset
223	Rustic and Fieldstone
225	Fieldstone and Citation
226	Citation at 18
23	25 Central Street (Central Fire Station)
24	Green Street opposite # 135
241	Green Street at # 237
242	Green Street at Crescent
243	Longbow and Fairlane
244	Barbara Road
245	Valdora and Barbara
25	Pleasant Street near Spring
251	Gould Street at Highland Avenue
252	Summer and Pleasant Streets
26	Spring Street opposite Stevens Street

261	Bow Street Court at Brookbridge Road
262	Patriot Road at #10
27	Franklin and Summer Streets
271	Summer and Summerhill Streets
28	Spring and Beacon Streets
281	Spring and East Streets-Line Box W/Wakefield
2811	East School 12 Beacon Street
2812	Eastern Avenue and Michael Circle
2813	Crystal Drive at #12
282	Spring Street at Lotus Avenue-Line box W/Wakefield
283	Cricklewood and Tamarock Terrace
284	Pebble Place and Rivers Lane
285	Landers and Spring Lane
286	Hall Road at #20
287	Applehill Lane at #6
31	Hancock and Dean Streets
311	West Hancock and Atwood Avenue
32	Maple and Chestnut Streets
321	Maple and Cedar Avenue
3211	39 Chestnut Street
3212	Glenside Apts 5 Glen Road
33	Maple and Manison Streets
3313	5 Manison Street
3315	12 Manison Street
3316	21-A Manison Street
3321	90 Maple Street
3322	89 Maple Street Clear channel
3323	85 Maple Street
3331	100 Maple Street Bldg A
3332	100 Maple Street Bldg B
34	Marble and Park Streets
341	Marble opposite Fallon Drive
3411	Chesterton Corp. Fallon Drive
3412	101,102,103 Hillside Gardens
3413	104,105,106 Hillside Gardens
3414	107,108,109 Hillside Gardens
3415	110,111 Hillside Gardens
3416	112,113 Hillside Gardens
3417	114,115,116 Hillside Gardens
3418	Clubhouse at Hillside Gardens
3419	117 Hillside Gardens the Cliffside Apts.
342	Hill Street
3422	146 Marble St. Gates Condos right bldg.
3423	148 Marble St. Gates Condos rear bldg.
3424	144 Marble St. Gates Condos left bldg.
3426	Hill Side Gardens
3427	Street Box at Pool Hillside Gardens
3431-3436	12 Hillside Gardens the Terraces
35	Warren Street at Winthrop Square
351	Winthrop and Congress Streets

352	Marble and Lincoln Streets
3521	12 Benton Street Condos
36	Main and Marble Streets
361	Main Street and Peabody Road
3612	Greystone Apts, 555 Main Street
362	Main Street and Wilson Road
3621	Route 93 at the Route 28 Bridge
3622	597 Main Street Stonegate Condos
363	Greystone and Summit Road
37	Woodland Road and Pond Street
371	BRMC Grounds North Entrance
3711	BRMC Ruble Wing
3712	Greater Boston Academy
3713	Main Entrance BRMC Bldg
3714	Medical Arts Building
3715	Physicians office building
3716	Administration Bldg.
3717	Life Care Centre -25 Woodland Road
372	Phillips Road at Fellsway East Line Bx/Mel
373	Park Terr. Apts. W. Wyoming Ave Line Bx/Mel
3741	Fellsview Terr and Fellsway East
38	Summer and Pond Streets
381	Pond Street and Gorham Avenue
3811	Edgewood School Pond Street
382	Pond Street and Campbell Road
3821	MDC Garage Rear Building
383	Pond Street opposite Zoo Offices
386	Skywood Drive at # 10
41	Lindenwood Road and West Street
411	Butler and Joan Avenue
4211	71 Montvale Ave Foxcroft Apts
4212	100 Ledgewood South Building
4213	200 Ledgewood North Building
4215	100 Mountain View Drive first on right
4216	200 Mountain View Drive middle building
4217	300 Mountain View Drive left building
4218	Stoneham Oaks Pro Shop rear of Arena
42181-42186	Stoneham Arena Montvale Avenue
4219	92 Montvale Avenue
4221	91 Montvale Executive Office Park
4223	48 Montvale Avenue
42241-42246	80 Montvale Avenue Stoneham Bank
4225	88 Montvale Avenue
42261-42265	54 Montvale Ave Montvale Plaza
4321-4326	95 Montvale Ave Storage USA
43	Forest Street Opposite Dewitt Road
431	Berkley Street and Drury Lane
44	1 Montvale Ave Main and Montvale Avenue
441	Main and Lindenwood Streets
4411	271 Main Street Rose Tree Plaza

4412-4415	299 Main Street Main and Montvale
442	Flint Ave and Rowe Street
45	Main and Elm Streets
451	Oak Street at #40
4511	Albion Ave and Kays Road
4512	Walgreen's Main and Elm Streets
4513	185 Main Street Stoneham Ford Co.
4514	163 Main Street Eastern Bank
4516	159 Main Street Monterosa Building A
4517	159 Main Street Monterosa Building B
4518	159 Main Street Monterosa Building C
4519	150 Main Street Bear Hill Apartments
452	Oak Street at Weld Road
4521-4526	Robin Hood School Magnolia Terrace
453	Bonad Road and Myopia
454	Governor Road and Myopia
455	Rodgers Road and Spruce Street
456	Alden Ave at # 17
46	William Street opposite West Street
461	William Street opposite # 391
462	William Street and Dewitt
4621	Cedar Street/Woburn line
4622	490 William Street Arnold House
4623	BJ's Wholesale Club Cedar Street
4624	Unicorn Pro Shop William Street
4625	IRA Auto Dealershop Cedar Street
47	Main Street near Broadway both sides of street
471	Main and George Sts. Both sides of street
4711	64,66,68 Main Street-Buckingham Terr.
4713	52 Main Street Apartment Building
4715	88 Main Street Stoneham Savings Bank
472	North Street near Bear Hill Golf Course
4721	100 and 200 Leisure Lane
4722	Bear Hill Golf Club North Street
4723	2 Main Street
4724	Seville Condo 40 Main St. North Building
4725	Seville Condo 44 Main St. South Building
4731	Stonehill Towers Building #1
4733	Stonehill Towers Building #3
4735	Stonehill Towers Building #5
4737	Stonehill Towers Building #7
48	North Street and Northgate
481	Forest and Oak Streets
4811	Forest Street at #49
482	North and Crosby Streets
483	Aspen Road
49	Curve Road and Moulton Avenue
491	Evergreen and Wildwood Roads
492	Erickson and Arlene Avenue
493	Hanford and Rose Lane

494	Wagner and Elaine
495	Constitution at #12
51	Elm and Waverly Streets
511	High Street opposite #32
5111	41 Elm Street
5112	41 Elm Street rear building
512	High Street and Broadway
5121	Towncrest at #28 Line box W/Wakefield
513	High Street and Bear Hill Road
514	MacArthur Road and Hillside Avenue
515	Marshall Road and Lawndale
516	Lawndale Road at # 12
517	Park Avenue at Wakefield Line Line Box
52	Elm and Washington Streets
521	Seward and Chase
522	Keene and Cowdry Streets
53	Pomeworth and William Streets
531	Washington Street opposite Washington Avenue
5311	Calthea Street at #45
5312	22-26 Pomeworth Street Pomeworth Corner
5313	10 Pomeworth Street Pomeworth Place Condos

BOARD OF HEALTH
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The mission of the Board of Health is to educate, promote, improve and protect the health and well being of the citizens of Stoneham, while contributing to building a healthy community and environment in which to live. According to the Town's Bylaws, State and Federal Laws, the Board of Health is under a dutiful obligation to develop and implement health policies, standards, bylaws and regulations.

BOARD:

Mr. Daniel T. Doherty: Mr. Doherty currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Health. Mr. Doherty brings an extensive background in consulting for regulatory compliance, operations management and emergency preparedness with the FAA, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, NASA and Homeland Security. Mr. Doherty also brings extensive knowledge and experience in fiscal reform. Mr. Doherty is also recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and (FEMA) The Federal Emergency Management Association in (NIMS) National Incident Management System & (ICS) Incident Command System Training. Mr. Doherty is also recognized and Certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health-MDPH in Food Sanitation and Food Safety.

Dr. Christine Carino: Elected to the Board of Health in April of 2008, the Board's newest member Dr. Carino is duly certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Professional Licensure as a Doctor in Pharmacy. Dr. Carino is recognized by the Department of Homeland Security and (FEMA) The Federal Emergency Management Association in (NIMS) National Incident Management System & (ICS) Incident Command System Training. Dr. Carino is also recognized and Certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health-MDPH in Food Sanitation and Food Safety. Dr. Carino is also certified in Adult Immunizations through Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences School of Pharmacy.

Mr. John J. Scullin: Mr. Scullin currently serves as Secretary and is the senior member of the Stoneham Board of Health. Mr. Scullin also served as a Lieutenant on the Town of Stoneham Fire Department. Mr. Scullin is recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and (FEMA) The Federal Emergency Management Association in (NIMS) National Incident Management System & (ICS) Incident Command System Training. Mr. Scullin is also certified with the Town of Stoneham Fire Department and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in HAZMAT training and Emergency Medical Training – (EMT) Training.

The members of the Board of Health held ten (10) meetings this year. Besides being proactive with public health issues and the rules and regulations, the Board decided on the following items:

2 Hearings: H1N1 Flu
1 Hearings; MGL, Article II, Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation;
3 Hearings under Bylaw Chapter 20, Article VI Dumpster Regulations;
3 Hearings: MGL, Article X Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments;
1 Hearing under Bylaws Chapter 20, Article X Tobacco Control Regulations:

The Board will continue to be proactive within the community.
Agent/Director Robert F. Bracey has been with the Board since March of 2003. He came with extensive knowledge in Public Health. He has served as an Inspector for the City of Cambridge for the 7 years prior to taking the position in Stoneham. He was the Town Agent in Winchester, Tyngsborough for the last 5 years.

Support staff includes:

Robert F. Bracey	Health Agent
Margaret E. Drummey, RN	Public Health Nurse
Denise F. Breen	Office Assistant
Karyn C. Incatasciato	Office Assistant

HEALTH AGENT

Under the direction of and on behalf of the Board of Health, the Health Agent is responsible for maintaining the day-to-day operations of the department. The Agent also keeps the Chairman of The Board of Health updated on a daily basis and works closely with the Town Administrator and other Department Heads within the town. The Health Agent enforces of local, state, and federal regulations pertaining to the general public health, safety, and environment. This division inspects food service establishments, public and semi-public swimming pools; massage establishments, tanning establishments, dumpsters, minimum standards for human habitation and housing. This division is also responsible for investigating nuisances, environmental and sanitation issues and responsible for providing educational materials. The Health Agent received and investigated 42 complaints. The following is a break down of the investigated complaints in individual categories.

Air Pollution	00
Animal	00
Dumpster	10
Food Borne Illness	00
Food Service	06
Hazardous Waste	01
Housing	04
Miscellaneous	07
Noise	01
Odor	00
Rodents	03
Rubbish	08
Sanitation	02

Besides the 42 complaint investigations, the Health Agent performed 643 inspections; follow up inspections and court appearances.

Food Service Routine	114
Food Service Follow up	67
Housing and Follow-up	231
Miscellaneous & Follow-up Inspections	231
Total	643

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to add responsibilities to local Boards of Health. Additionally these tasks add to an already over burdened local Health Department and its staff. With these added responsibilities the Health Agent has continued to provide various training programs by utilizing shared programming. With the limited staffing and funding in the Board of Health, shared programs are cost

effective and work well to establish twice as many opportunities for our communities to maintain high operating standards and procedures.

As of October 1, 2001, each food service establishment is required to employ a certified food manager on site at all times. On May 31, 2005, those same establishments were required to take a refresher course in food service. This certification and refresher course confirms that a food service establishment understands prevention methods for safe handling and cooking procedures.

Under the regulations for food service establishments, it is a requirement that restaurants employ a person who is trained in Food Manager Certification and be on site at all times. It is also a requirement that establishments with 25 seats or more be trained in Choke Save. The office would like to thank the Emergency Medical Services Division of the Fire Department for their continued support to this department.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to mandate local Board of Health with more and more responsibilities without supplying any funding resources.

The Health Agent sits as an active member of the Site Plan Committee; this committee consists of department heads, which review site plans. Recommendations and/or requirements are discussed with applicant prior to the Board of Selectmen site plan meeting. By taking this extra step with the applicant, the requirements are clarified and discussed, thus making the process easier for the applicant. The Health Agent also sits on the Stoneham Emergency Management Team. This committee has formed a model project group and has been taking a gentler way to approach neighborhood code violations. A representative from the Board of Health, Building and Fire Departments have been working together listening to the residents and businesses owners in order to solve neighborhood problems of non-compliance with pertinent regulations. The committee has met with the business owners and residents, have inspected the area, and have been working on solving the infractions. Most of the health infractions have been corrected with the major facilities working on the correction process.

The Board of Health office recommends the residents of Stoneham protect themselves from mosquitoes (during dusk and dawn hours) and remove any harborage of mosquitoes, i.e. stagnant water.

Public Health changes with the seasons and circumstances making educating the general public of the risks surrounding each circumstance an extremely important aspect of Public Health. The Board of Health maintains an open door policy and encourages all residents and businesses owners' needing assistance to contact the office.

The Health Agent along with the Board of Health proposed *departmental goals* for the upcoming year are as follows:

-Increase the presence and involvement of the Board in the community utilizing the media and on-site education;
-Increase community programming and services;
-Establish sufficient staffing to meet the demands of the department.
-Continue to be proactive in helping new establishments, businesses and property owners within our community:

-Maintain a high standard of safety by promoting the philosophy the Board of Health mission statement.

OFFICE ASSISTANTS:
The office assistant is an extremely important position. This position maintains databases and prepares all permits, licenses, and accounts payable/receivable for approval. It provides a variety of complex clerical and administrative duties in a confidential manner and with an eye for detail. In addition, this position transcribes the minutes of the Board's monthly meetings, and composes correspondence as directed. They assemble and prepare a variety of reports for the Health Agent, Public Health Nurses, and Board as needed. All the above is provided to this office on a limited part time basis.

Ms. Karyn Incatasciato, Office Assistant started with the Department early in 2001. Ms. Breen started late in 2000. Both Ms. Incatasciato and Ms. Breen have continued the high standards this office has sent forth. Both have gone through ten years of administration in a department with many facets while maintaining the highest quality of departmental standards. They both also continue to display the professionalism, courtesy and knowledge that is needed and expected to serve the residents of Stoneham.

These positions are responsible for collecting permits fees and collected $48852.00 The following is an individual breakdown of categories of permit issued by this department.

Animals	011
Canteen (mobile) Trucks	003
Disposal Contractors	038
Dumpster Permits, Long Term	324
Dumpster permits Short Term	045
Food Services and Retail	153
Funeral Directors	006
Housing Fitness	102
Infectious Waste	001
Massage Establishments	003
Massage Therapist	004
Recreational Camps	001
Septic Haulers	006
Swimming Pools	015
Tanning Establishments	002
Temporary Food Service	042
Tobacco Permits	020
Total permits issued	776

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:

The Public Health Nurse provides care to the community and views the entire community as their client. The PHN has two aspects to the role: those responsibilities mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and those services provided to the community of Stoneham.
Services mandated by MDPH include but are not limited to…

Communicable disease recording, surveillance and investigation
Vaccine management and distribution
Immunization administration
Inoculation Clinics as they arise (ie. Hepatitis A, Smallpox, Flu).

Services provided by the PHN are provided to the entire community and may be based on need.
Services provided include but are not limited to….

Blood Pressure Clinics
TB Testing
Health Care referral
Community Agency referral
Health teaching and education
Physician referral

98 Reportable Diseases Investigated

Campylobacter	6
Salmonella	5
Lyme disease	25
Pertussis	1
Hepatitis	29
Hepatitis B	2
Toxoplasmosis	1
Giardiasis	2
Varicella	2
Babesiosis	1
Group B/A Strep	2/1
Streptococcal pneumonia	6
Cryptosporidiosis	3
Human Granulocyic Anorplasmosis	1
Legionellosis	3
Meningitis viral	3
Meningitis aseptic	1
Shigellosis	3
Latent Tuberculosis	2

12 Blood Pressure Clinics:

Clients seen at Monthly Clinic at Senior Center	213
Home/office visits	328
Total	541
Immunizations other:	144
Mantoux Testing**:**	79
Homebound patients treated annually:	44
Vaccine Immunizations:	150

Influenza Clinics held at the

High School, Town Hall, Senior Center, Finnegan Hall	8
Clients seen at clinics	3,554
Weekly Walk-In Clinics at the BOH	7
Clients seen at the BOH	393
Homebound Clients	53

Vaccine Distribution: Seasonal & H1N1 Vaccine

Total doses	4000

Hepatitis B Vaccination:
Hepatitis B was made available from the Department of Public Health; therefore we were able to offer the three dose vaccine series to municipal safety personnel.

Hepatitis A Vaccination:
Hepatitis A vaccine continues to be offered to all food handlers and all are encouraged to sign up. The benefits far out weigh the risks.

Influenza Clinics:
This year was a very challenging year for our Flu Clinics. The state distributed the seasonal flu vaccine and the H1N1 vaccine in multiple allocations.
Following the strict guidelines of CDC and through the cooperative efforts of the Health Agent, the Public Health Nurse, our two Office Assistants and numerous Nursing and Support Staff Volunteers the Board of Health was able to conduct eight successful Seasonal Flu and H1N1 Clinics.
Three H1N1 Vaccine Clinics were held at Stoneham High School using the Emergency Operation protocol. The Regional Preparedness Coordinator from MDPH was on site to observe and evaluate one of these Clinics. A successful report was submitted.
A presentation on H1N1 flu was given at the annual Executive Directors meeting at the Boys and Girls Club.

Mantoux Testing (Tuberculosis)
The public health nurses are mandated by law to inform DPH of the positive PPDs. A new template has been formatted by the TB division of DPH which is the LTB form. When a client presents with a positive PPD, we will then discuss the options of a specific clinic in the area and help coordinate the initial appointment for follow up testing and medication if necessary. We provide PPD testing to residents of Stoneham for a nominal fee of $5.00. The majority of the people being tested are low risk but work in the health care field.

NURSES' YEAR IN REVIEW

This year has been a year of challenges, opportunities and accomplishments for thePHN. Prioritization is a must as the PHN still seeks to explore ways to expand her role and yet meet the daily required tasks of the office. The PHN continues to have active membership with the Northeast chapter of Public Health Nurses, MAPHN Assoc. and the MRC (Medical Reserve Corps of Ma.) A collaborative relationship continues with all the school nurses. According to the Health Care Consultant Agreement, a bi-annual visit to the Purpose School is conducted by the PHN.

The PHN participated in a successful Mentoring Program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce held at the High School.

Investigating the interest, need and availability of the new Shingle vaccine, Zostavax the PHN's goal was realized this year. The program was well received by the Community and continues to be offered to residents' age 60 years and older.

The Board of Health provided internship program for Emmanuel College nursing students. An in-service presentation was given by a nursing student under the guidance of the PHN at the Purpose School regarding hand-washing by using dialogue, hand outs and the Glo-Germ Kit.

The Board of Health continues raise public awareness regarding Rabies Clinics. The Clinic was held on May 9th at the Stoneham Fire Station. Dr. Marc Jawitz administered the vaccine.

The Board of Health applied for and was awarded three AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) from Hallmark Health Cardiac and Endovascular Center in Melrose. The Stoneham Arena, the Library and the Town Hall were the recipients of the AED's. Along with the AED device, Action Ambulance provided CPR training for staff members and Certification for the AED device.

The Board of Health participated in Town Day on September 21st. Due to the increase in Lice cases this year the BOH theme was Lice Prevention.

The Board of Health participated in "Stoneham Goes Green" on the Common by collecting sharps, expired prescription meds and mercury products. It was noted that there is a need for a drop-off expired prescription site.

The nurse continues to be involved in local emergency planning issues, which propose plans in the event of any public health crisis. The Mystic Valley Coalition has been formed with the following cities and towns, Stoneham, Medford, Malden, Melrose and Wakefield. The meeting is held at the Medford town hall once a month.

The PHN also attends various seminars on immunization updates, surveillance updates, tuberculosis, communicable/infectious diseases and vaccine safety in order to maintain a high standard of practice and quality assurance. The PHN regularly attends the monthly Public Nurse meetings in Tewksbury along with the Annual Conference of Public Health Nurses.

GOALS for 2010:

- Continue to educate the residents of Stoneham regarding public health issues.
- Utilize Cable Access Channel and the news media to promote Health Awareness.
- Work towards a program for a drop-off box for residents to deposit their expired or unused prescription drugs.

Stoneham Historical Commission 2009 Annual Report

The Stoneham Historical Commission is a seven member board mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years. Its main objective is to help identify and preserve those buildings and/or areas that are historically and architecturally significant to our Town. The current members are Chairman Stephen E. Rotondi, Vice-Chairman Margaret Warren, Treasurer Joan Quigley, Secretary Marcia Wengen, Joanne DiMambro, Paul Foley and David LeBlanc.

Our thirty-second year in existence was a busy one. The Commission continued working on its web site www.stonehamhistoricalcommission.us and is attempting to integrate it with the town's website. Work is still slowly progressing on the Commission's project to do a video on the burial sites of prominent Stonehamites. The Commission's Historic Home Marker program has got off to a good start. So far we have received 22 applications. Out of these we have issued 11 markers with another 11 in the process of being completed. Any resident or business owner whose home or place of business is 50 years or older can submit an application along with a check for $55.00 to cover the cost of the marker. Members of the Commission will verify the age. Once this is done, the check will be forwarded to Gamit Signs in Stoneham to manufacture the marker. The finished marker will be delivered to the home or business owner to install on their home or place of business. The Commission did donate a marker to the Stoneham Public Library in honor of its 150th Anniversary. The marker can be seen over the entrance to the hall way from the lobby to the original Carnegie building.

Keegan Bongiorno
House Marker

The Nelsons'
House Marker

The Commission has finished its work with town officials on the needed repairs to the fire department. The trim had been repainted, doors replaced and flooring repaired. Funding was from state grants the town became eligible for after an Annual Town Meeting voted to grant a preservation restriction on the building to the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

In May 2009, the Commission awarded its annual Heritage Award to Chief Joe Rolli and the Stoneham Firefighters. In was awarded in recognition of their tireless efforts in maintaining a building our Town can be proud to have. In celebration of Preservation Month, the Commission and the Historical Society held its traditional joint meeting in May. In recognition of the Public Library's 150th Anniversary, Library Director Mary Todd was the guest speaker. She gave an interesting and informative talk on the library's history.

In June, in connection with the dedication of the replica of the town's Police Box and the inauguration of Stoneham Historic Walk, we opened the Old Burying Ground, which is the 7th stop on the 1.3 mile walk. There were self guided tours and even some costumed "ghost" speakers representing a civil war soldier and Mrs. Samuel Sprague, wife of Captain Sprague, leader of the Stoneham Minutemen. The cemetery was opened up again in October in conjunction with the Historical Society's Open House. Margaret Warren and Marcia Wengen were the Commission's representatives on the committee which designed the walk and self guiding map and brochure.

In September, the Commission had its customary booth at Town Day. On display were a number of pictures plus an example of the Historical Marker available for qualifying home and business owners.

In October, the Commission continued its program of donating books to the Public Library. The books are: **U.S. Constitution and You,** by Syl Sobel, **Presidential Elections: And Other Cool Facts** by Syl Sobel, **Homebuilding and Woodworking in Colonial America (Illustrated Living History Series)** by C. Keith Wilbur, **A Building History of Northern New England** by James L. Garvin, **A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution** by Betsy Maestro, Giulio Maestro, **If You Lived At The Time Of The American Revolution** by: Kay Moore, **How the U.S. Government Works** by Syl Sobel, **Colonial Days: Discover the Past with Fun Projects, Games, Activities, and Recipes (American Kids in History Series)** by David C. King, **Boston's Back Bay: The Story of America's Greatest Nineteenth-Century Landfill Project** by William Newman, Wilfred E. Holton, **Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America (America: a Cultural History) by David** Hackett Fischer, **History of Stoneham, Massachusetts** by: Francis Lester Whittier, William Burnham Stevens and **His Promised Land: The Autobiography of John P. Parker, Former Slave and Conductor on the Underground Railroad** by John P. Parker, Stuart Seely Sprague.

The Commission also passed on its recommendations to Massachusetts Historical Commission on what the proposed cell towers on top of the Dow Building should look like.

The Stoneham Historical Society

In existence for 87 years, the Stoneham Historical Society is an all-volunteer 501C 3 non-profit organization. Its headquarters is located at 36 William Street, formerly used as the Spanish-American War Veterans meeting house. Is primary use is a museum and repository for numerous artifacts and documents significant to the history of our town. Meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Thursday of October, November, March, April and May. Guest speakers or topics of historical interest are the focus. Each spring, all 3rd grade classes from both public and private schools make a field trip to the Society as a part of their curriculum on the history of Stoneham.

The Stoneham Historical Society welcomes all persons who share the love of history and pride in our town to join us for a monthly meeting, volunteer for the 3rd grade program or better still become a member. Please visit our website at www.stonehamhistory.webs.com or become a fan and follow us on Facebook.

During the past year the Society opened its doors for the following events:

February: On the first Saturday of the month, the Society held its annual "Research Your Home Day" where guests can research the past history of their home by combing through street lists, valuation records and various maps of the town. Society volunteers are on hand to assist those who want to learn more about their home.

March: We hosted a "Night of Remembrance" of Stoneham's 250th Anniversary Celebration as a town in 1975. A slide show of the year long festivities was shown as well as a sharing of remembrances from those who participated.

April: In commemoration of the centennial of the nation's 1st cross country road race from New York City to Seattle, we showed a video produced by the late Joanne Harriman on the history of the auto industry in Stoneham. In that race, the Shawmut which was manufactured in Stoneham and driven by Stoneham residents was the winner.

May: During Preservation Month the Society held its annual joint meeting with the Stoneham Historical Commission. The featured speaker that night was Mary Todd, Director of the Stoneham Public Library. She gave an interesting talk of the history of the library which was celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2009. She brought with her some interesting library records going back to the beginning of its history. In May, the Society also installed a new slate of officers. The new officers are President Stephen Rotondi, 1st Vice President Donna Weiss, 2nd Vice-President Elizabeth Whelan, Treasurer Donald Marchant and Secretary Susan Doucette. The officers also serve as the Board of Directors for the Society. Mary Marchant also agreed to continue as Curator, as did Marina Memmo as Webmaster and Bee Russo as Publisher of the Society's newsletter.

October: In place of our usual meeting, the Society held an "Antique Appraisal Night" at the Town Hall. Mary Westcott from Kaminski's Auctioneers in Beverly was on hand to give an appraisal on a variety of family heirlooms and mementos. The "good and bad news" was taken in stride by those who attended. We hope to do more of these in the future. Our Annual Open House was held on the last Saturday of October. On display were a number of old pictures from the Society's collection. A number of visitors were delighted to see pictures of their parents from 70-90 years ago.

November: The Society's 72nd Annual Harvest Supper was as popular as ever. After a delicious meal, the members enjoyed going through a number of scrap books that have donated to the Society over the years.

Information Technology

There has been significant progress in the Information Technology department this past year. We have continued server consolidation with the remaining servers. This has enabled us to reduce our total cost of ownership as we now have less support costs due to the reduced hardware requirement. Automatic encrypted off-site backup and a new firewall and updated antivirus and anti-spam software are keeping end-user productivity high and our data safe.

During 2009, we began to utilize the Personnel, General Billing and Permitting/Code Enforcement modules to various departments. We expect to continue this rollout in 2010.

A tremendous amount of effort was put into the GIS system. The new orthographic imagery acquired from the state has allowed us to increase the accuracy of some of the layers. Specifically, the parcel, road and annotation layers have been totally revamped. In addition, the Assessor maps have been moved to a digital format. We are expecting to work on the zoning layer in 2010 and hope to begin to make this data accessible to various departments.

2009 Annual Report of Parade Committee

It was a picture-perfect day with one of the finest parade turnouts in recent years as spectators lined the streets with flags, cheers for the troops and overall great enthusiasm for the parade procession. This year the Parade Committee was fortunate to secure five bands to participate while maintaining cost efficiencies. The Kevin Barry Pipe Band led the parade shortly followed by the Natick Legion Band and the American Legion Post 115 ensemble and motorcade. In between bands, the Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard marched and was followed by the many soldiers and artillery of the 182nd National Guard Unit from Melrose. Burlington's Citations Band was dazzling in its black and red uniforms with Lowell's Holy Ghost Band providing an impressive unit as well.

A new addition this year was the Bunker Hill Pipe Band, the opening band for Boston's "Drop Kick Murphy's" band. Stoneham's own High School Band, led by Ed Grammer, provided music and ceremonial help at both Lindenwood and the Town Hall. At the front end of the procession were the Blue Knights Motorcade and the Patriotic Canine driven by Marine veteran, Roy Fowlie in his "T" bucket. Parade Marshal Harry Sampson took the lead in the black convertible on loan from Stoneham Ford who also provided the red convertible that led the American Legion Auxiliary Unit. And the Elks made it to the parade in their antique fire truck with several antique cars courtesy of Sinclair Trucking. Marching behind the "Stoneham Thanks our Troops" banner were Sen. Tisei, Selectmen Bob Sweeney, Frank Vallarelli and Chairman John DePinto.

Many thanks go to the units of the Police and Fire departments as well as to the Stoneham Community Policing units who were on hand to provide security and safety along the parade route.

Parade Committee volunteers who plan from January to Memorial Day and who decorate all veterans' gravesites for 2009 included: Chairman emeritus Fred Mosley, Secretary Fred Kranefuss, George Parsons, Jim Lamb, Mike Doucette, Kevin McLaughlin, Harry Sampson, and new this year, Maureen Buckley. In addition to these fine folks were many volunteers and scouts who assisted with the decorating of gravesites such as the Cunningham brothers, Gerard and Kevin, and Kevin Cantwell who traveled to Puritan Lawn Cemetery for Stoneham Veterans interned there.

This year's Town Hall ceremony was an impressive display of community unity, from the Brownie Troop 1362's singing of the "National Anthem" to the special presentation to Girl Scout Troop 1420, the honorees of the day. This special ceremony culminated with the award of plaques to the 12 girl scouts and their leaders, Maureen Buckley and Lynda Allard. The commonwealth also issued a special citation to the troop as was presented by Rep. Lewis. Girl Scouts also posted colors at the Town Hall with the Civil Air Patrol's Honor Guard. Edie Previdi's banner was displayed on the town gazebo where the 182nd Unit of the Massachusetts National Guard also displayed their "Army" motorcycle.

The music selection by Barbara Morash's Music is Art Agency was impressive as was the greetings of the town by Bob Sweeney. Master of Ceremonies, Fred Kranefuss did a fine job with the help of the Stoneham High School Band for its ceremonial music assistance and buglers.

A job was well done by all with a glorious tribute of our remembered.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Kranefuss, Chairman

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

The following eight members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of three years: Chairwoman, Maureen Houghton, Vice Chairman, Dennis Visconti, Secretary, Denise Healy, Chris Abreu, Therese DiBlasi, Stephen McDonough, James Sarno and Stephen Sylvester. Full-time Recreation Department Heads are: Rick Arzillo, Golf Course & Municipal Parks/Grounds Superintendent, Christine DelRossi, Recreation Program Coordinator and Lou Chiulli, Arena Manager.

The Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee are committed to provide quality Recreation for the citizens of the Town of Stoneham. We wish to remind the citizens of the Town to visit the facilities and share in our pride.

Stoneham Recreation organizes a variety of recreation programs throughout the year for residents of all ages. Flyers are distributed through the schools, library and mail. Registration is first come, first serve. Programs with low enrollment are canceled.

May 4, 2009 Town Meeting approved to zero (0) fund Recreation Department 542. Warrant Article 16 was voted that the Town reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through registration fees and other revenues for Recreation Programs to pay the costs of the Recreation Program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Program Coordinator, not to exceed $200,000 during Fiscal Year 2010 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2009 from the existing Revolving Fund account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

RECREATION PROGRAMS (DEPARTMENT 542)

Stoneham Recreation has been self-supporting since July 1, 2005. This department is dependent on program fees, sponsors, fundraising and donations. Stoneham Bank has been a great supporter and has sponsored the Summer Open Parks Program and the Open Gym Basketball Program for several years. Without Stoneham Bank these programs would not be offered.

The following is a list of activities/services that were provided to the citizens of Stoneham in 2009:

Field Permits
Adventure Club
Open Parks Program
Recreation Tennis
Seasonal Crafts Program
Baking Program
Puppetry Program
Spartan Sports Program
Men's Over 30 basketball
Major League Soccer Camps
Scheduling Recreation Park Field House
Top Secret Science Programs
Open Gym Basketball Program
Top Secret Chef Program
Showcase Movie Tickets
Golf Lessons at Unicorn Golf Course
Mount Hood Golf Lessons
World Track Record Program
Kids Just Love Crafts
Major League Soccer Clinics

Adult Yoga & Tai Chi	Athletic Edge Football Clinic
US Sports	Summer Field Hockey Clinic
Fencing Program	Spartan Skills & Drills Basketball
Video Explorers	Field trips

Skyhawks Programs
Tennis, soccer, basketball and t-ball

GRATITUDE:

- The Recreation Department would like to give special thanks to the Department of Public Works and the School Department for their assistance and cooperation during the course of the year.
- Thank you to Recreation Committee Member Dennis Visconti for overseeing the Men's fall and winter over 30 Basketball League.
- Thank you to Stoneham resident Liz Arno for teaching crafts and baking classes.
- Thank you to all the seasonal staff and coaches for working with Stoneham Recreation in offering safe and fun programs.
- I would personally like to thank Stoneham residents for their support, kind words and participation over the year. It is a pleasure to serve a wonderful community.
- A special thanks to the O'Keefe Family for their donations throughout the years in memory of Recreation Committee member Robert O'Keefe, Jr. and his father Robert O'Keefe, Sr.
- An extra special thank you to Stoneham Bank for sponsoring the Open Gym Basketball Program and Open Parks Program.

DONATIONS AND SPONSORS

Stoneham Bank (Open Gym Program) $3,000.00
Stoneham Bank (Open Park Program) $3,000.00
Weiss Farm & Donna Weiss – Open Park Program $1,500.00
Domenic Colucci, Men's Soccer $700.00
Frank Frezza – Over the Hill Soccer $400.00
Re/Max, Carolyn Lassiter - $250.00
Stoneham Ford, Open Park Program $100.00
John Scullin, Stoneham resident $60.00
Edward & Christine Doherty, Middle School Track $40.00
Mary Marchant, Middle School Track Program $25
Ian Danis, Middle School Track Program $25

FUNDRAISERS

Stoneham Theatre Tickets $895.00
BJ'S Membership $205.00
Red Sox Tickets, donated by Donna Weiss $120.00
Lowell Devils Hockey Game $20.00

Submitted by Christine DelRossi, Recreation Program Coordinator

2009 ANNUAL REPORT – UNICORN AND STONEHAM OAKS GOLF COURSES

We proceeded with the golf season by opening Unicorn Golf Course on March 13, 2009 and Stoneham Oaks on April 18, 2009. Carl Marchio and Ken Pratt the on site P.G.A. professionals at Unicorn and Stoneham Oaks provided lessons and golf clinics throughout the season. Frequent rains during this season resulted in a decrease in golf rounds. The season closed for play on December 15, 2009

RICHARD BONGIORNO, CHIEF OF POLICE

The Stoneham Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of professional police service while respecting the constitutional rights of every person living in or visiting the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Stoneham. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts eliminated all grant dollars previously earmarked for community policing services to the community, however, the Stoneham Police Department continues using modern approaches and techniques to decrease crime and improve the delivery of services to the community. A goal of the Office of Chief of Police is to involve citizens, business, civic groups, and clergy in the formulation of policy, policing strategies and continued implementation of community oriented policing to combat crime and undesirable elements associated with crime.

The Office of the Chief manages the overall operation of the Stoneham Police Department and plans for the future in close collaboration with the Town Administrator. Continued review of Department Policies was conducted to ensure updated policies reflect Contemporary Policing Standards, and as a result, we continue to update our policies to reflect contemporary standards consistent with Massachusetts Police Accreditation Standards. As a result of our efforts we implemented and/or updated the following policies in 2009:

- Motor Vehicle Crashes Involving Police Vehicles
- Door-To-Door Sales Solicitation
- We are working on completing a Comprehensive Sexual Assault Investigation Policy.

PERSONNEL:

Lieutenant James McIntyre of the Stoneham Police Department was nominated and selected to attend the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (FBINA) in Quantico Virginia, from July thru September 2009. This Nationally recognized program is the premier Executive Development Training Program not only within the United States, but also throughout the free world.

As a result of retirements, the Stoneham Police Department lost six (6) tenured police officers in 2009; Detective George Alger; Detective Edwin Peek; Officer Peter DiCarlo; Officer Laurence Rotondi; Officer Thomas Cullen; and Officer Michael O'Toole. At the recommendation of the Town Administrator, and approved by the Board of Selectmen, we successfully hired Officer Luc Bourgeois; Officer Jonathan Mahoney; Officer David Szydowski; and Officer Derek McShane. Two Patrol Officer positions remain unfilled at this time, one due to a recent resignation and the other due to a combat veteran who has expressed interest in serving as a police officer for the Town and is currently serving in the United States Army, stationed in Iraq.

Through a Federal/State Byrne Grant, the Stoneham Police Department hired a part-time Civilian Domestic Violence Liaison to the Stoneham Alliance Against Violence (SAAV), in order to enhance our outreach efforts to victims of domestic violence. Outreach efforts include trainings in Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) to the community, as well as training three patrol officers to conduct the classes. We will also reach out to the

Stoneham School Department to provide training to students associated with adolescent violence. Any person who is experiencing or believes they may be experiencing any physical, emotional, or financial abuse, or are looking for advice can contact our Civilian Domestic Violence Liaison at 781-438-1255 X 3106 or email at dvu@stoneham-ma.us. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

GRANT FUNDING:

Grant funding sources at both the Federal and State levels has diminished dramatically as a result of cutbacks, however, the Police Department's Grant Administrator was tenacious in applying for and receiving competitive grant funding in the amount of $82,073 in 2009 broken down as noted below:

- $50,598 through the State 9-1-1 Telecommunications Department applied toward the salary and benefits for a new Public Safety Dispatcher.
- $17,883 through a Byrne Grant to hire a part-time Domestic Violence Liaison to enhance our outreach to victims of domestic violence as well as provide training to police officers to train the community in Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Training.
- $8,600 through a Highway Safety Grant relating to the Click It or Ticket, and aggressive driving campaign.
- $4,992 for underage alcohol purchase enforcement.
- In collaboration with Middlesex County Sheriff James DiPaola, Town of Stoneham, and several surrounding communities, we applied for and received a Telecommunications Grant in the amount of $100,000 to conduct a feasibility study relating to regionalizing our Public Safety Dispatch Centers into one Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Phase one of the study is completed and we are in the process of working on Phase II of the study, expected to be completed by June 30, 2010. At the completion of Phase II, Town leaders will be armed with the necessary information to make appropriate decisions whether a central PSAP is feasible for Stoneham to continue with the process.

Our efforts to apply and secure grant funding will continue not only to maintain the above funding through 2011, but also remain vigilant in other areas of grant funding.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

Through the efforts of the Computer Specialist assigned to our Detective Bureau, two major upgrades to our computer technology were accomplished in 2009 as noted below:

- Upgraded our Records Management hardware to a new and enhanced configuration that provides more and faster data to police in the field.
- Upgraded all Police Department servers to replace older technology.

In closing, on behalf of the entire police department, I want to acknowledge the support given to the entire department by the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator. With this continued support, the Stoneham Police Department will continue moving forward to expand our efforts to serve the entire Town of Stoneham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Bongiorno
Chief of Police

DETECTIVE BUREAU
2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Lt. Richard McCarthy
Detective OIC

The Detective Bureau is responsible for criminal investigations both adult and juvenile, narcotic investigations, computer crime investigations and all subsequent prosecutions. The Detective Bureau is also responsible for the processing of all gun permits and the local dissemination of all Sex Offender information. The Bureau also assists residents that require their fingerprints recorded for job applications and adoption purposes.

At the beginning of 2009, the Bureau included Inspector George Alger (Juvenile Officer), Inspector Edwin Peek (Nights), Inspector Joseph Denehy (Computer Crimes), Inspector Robert McKinnon (Days), Inspector Paul Norton (Narcotics) and Inspector Thomas Marshall (Prosecutor). During 2009 Inspector Alger and Inspector Peek retired taking with them over 30 years of investigative experience. In September the Bureau welcomed Inspector Christopher Dalis as the departments new Juvenile Officer.

In 2009 detectives attended fifteen (15) training seminars that covered a multitude of investigative disciplines.

CRIME STATISTICS: In keeping with our tradition of publishing statistics, the 2009 reported incidents indicate:

Arrests	178
Criminal Summonses (felonies)	100
Court hearings (misdemeanors)	270
Homicide	0
Sex crimes	3
Assaults	47
Robberies	9
Missing persons	14
Uttering	9
Vandalism	164
Larceny including shoplifting	267
Threats/harassment	148
Breaking and Entering/all types including attempts	247
Domestic violence/restraining order violations	205
Service and attempted service of restraining orders	170
Firearm calls	4
Summonses served	221
Animal calls	160
Disturbance calls	648
Road hazard	141
Building/person checks	2635
Medical aid	1719
Motor vehicles - stolen	27
Motor vehicles – recovered	20
Motor vehicle accidents	585

Motor vehicle (all other calls)	767
Alarms (including fire)	1038
Directed Patrols	1732

SEXUAL OFFENDERS living/working in Stoneham as of December 31, 2009:
(Sex Offender info available on line at ww.mass.gov/sorb)

1 Level Three offender: risk of recidivism is high and offender information actively disseminated to public.
13 Level Two offenders: risk of recidivism is moderate and offender information available upon request.
12 Level One offenders: risk of recidivism is low and no offender information available.

DEATHS: All sudden deaths were reported to the Medical Examiner and determined to be noncriminal at this time.

NARCOTICS: Investigation of narcotics incidents continues to be an ongoing priority. Joint effort and assistance came from surrounding communities within the Southern Middlesex Regional Task Force, the Middlesex District Attorneys State Police Task Force, The Attorney Generals State Police Task Force, The United States Drug Enforcement Agency and the Internal Revenue Service.

The members of the Detective Bureau continue to participate in the monthly Northeast Middlesex Law Enforcement Council Detective meetings. These meeting act as forum for the exchange of information between as many as seventy other law enforcement agencies. These agencies include not only local, state and federal agencies but private security agencies as well.

The Detective Bureau works in conjunction with Uniform Operations in conducting surveillance work for crimes such as tagging, narcotic activity, late night larcenies, shoplifting, on going disturbance complaints, drag racing, underage alcohol purchases and persons wanted on outstanding arrest warrants.

2009 ANNUAL REPORT
PATROL OPERATIONS SECTION

The Patrol Operations Section of the Stoneham Police Department consists of the 27 uniformed officers who respond to calls for service and patrol the community. The year 2009 saw significant transition within the ranks of the patrol force. During the first six months, Officers Peter Dicarlo, Michael O'Toole, Laurence Rotondi and Thomas Cullen retired, after providing over 100 years of combined service to the town.

In April 2009, Officers Kenneth Bowdidge, Laura Fardy, and Jason Fields graduated the Transit Police Academy. In August, Kenneth Wilkins was promoted to Sergeant and Officer Joseph Ponzo was promoted to the Safety Officer position. In October, Officer David Szydlowski was hired after being laid off from the City of Worcester Police Department. In December, Officer Jonathan Mahoney joined the department after serving with the Boston University Police Department while Student Officer Derek McShane entered the Randolph Police Academy with an anticipated graduation date of April 30, 2010.

The Stoneham Police Department continues its membership in the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC), which is a consortium of 49 law enforcement agencies within Middlesex and Essex Counties. As a member of NEMLEC, our department is able to call upon the resources of the organization for support and assistance when a need arises. These resources include a SWAT team, a Regional Response Team (RRT) to assist in maintaining public order during a demonstration or disaster, a Motorcycle Unit to assist with traffic control, a School Threat Assessment and Response System (STARS) which assists during a school related emergency, as well as other specialized investigative tools and personnel. Officers Steven Carroll and Thomas Heller are assigned to NEMLEC's SWAT and RRT units. During the past year, these officers provided assistance to other police department on 13 occasions for incidents ranging from maintaining order at large scale public events, labor disputes, missing person searches, to executing search and arrest warrants. The Town of Stoneham utilized the services of the STARS and SWAT teams in May after a threatening note was discovered at Stoneham High School.

In 2009, all grant funding for the department's community policing program were eliminated as a result of the state budget deficit. As a result of the lack of grant funding, Sergeant Steven Nims, director of the Community Policing Unit, and Sergeant David Stefanelli, Bicycle Unit coordinator, had minimal participation in school and community activites. While programs, such as School Resource Officers and DARE, were eliminated, the police department and school administrators continue to work together to maintain the high level of cooperation and support that these programs fostered.

Lastly, in December, Officer Patrick Carroll was chosen by his peers as "Police Officer of the Year."

Respectfully submitted by Lieutenant James McIntyre

2009 ANNUAL REPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH
DAVID LUCIANO, HEAD DISPATCHER

The Public Safety Dispatch Department provides 24-hour civilian dispatching for the Police Department, Fire Department and contract ambulance. The department is comprised of seven full-time dispatchers and two part-time dispatchers that operate from the Police Station.

During the course of 2009 over 15,200 calls for service that required personnel from the Police Department, Fire Department or ambulance to respond were processed through the dispatch center. The center received over 6,600 calls via Enhanced 9-1-1. These calls for service do not include the numerous business or public information calls that come into the center or walk in reports to the Police Station that must also be processed by the dispatch staff.

Of the calls for service: 12,809 involved the Police Department, 2,909 involved the Fire Department and 2,109 involved an ambulance. Added together these numbers total over 17,800 incidents, this is due to the fact that many calls for service involve a multi-agency response.

The day shift dispatched 5,149 calls for service, the evening shift dispatched 6,287 calls for service and the overnight shift dispatched 3,863 calls for service.

During the year one additional dispatcher was hired at no cost to the Town from a grant from the State 9-1-1 Department. During the year dispatch personnel attended several training classes related to dispatching, including; "The Dispatcher's Role in Protecting Law Enforcement Responders", "Simulation–Based Training for Dispatch Personnel" and Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD). All related costs for these classes were funded thru a grant received from the State for 9-1-1 related training.

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STONEHAM AUXILIARY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Stoneham Auxiliary Police Department is volunteer organization designed to augment the Stoneham Police Department. Some of the primary responsibilities of the Auxiliary Police are to provide additional patrols of Town owned property, assist with traffic at community events, such as Town Day, road races, as well as offer assistance during a Town emergency. When working, Auxiliary Police Officers possess the same police powers as full time police officer. Prior to working as an Auxiliary Officer, the candidate is required to attend the Basic Reserve Police Officer Academy sponsored by the Municipal Police Training Committee, as well as annual first aid/CRP and firearms qualification sponsored by the Stoneham Police Department.

Currently, there are seventeen active members on the Auxiliary Police. The following is a list of the active members:

August Niewenhous - Chief
David Luciano – Lieutenant
George Lessard – Sergeant
Daniel Marsden – Sergeant
Geoffrey Buchanan – Patrolman
Brendan Carr - Patrolman
David Delling – Patrolman
Maurice DiCicco – Patrolman
Donald Doucette - Patrolman
Douglas Eames – Patrolman
Michael Eastman- Patrolman
Eugenio Ianniciello - Patrolman
John Lazzaro - Patrolman
John Maguire - Patrolman
James Murphy - Patrolman
Christopher Ponzo - Patrolman
Juan Yepez – Patrolman

In the year 2009, these individuals donated 225 hours to the Town of Stoneham.

Respectfully submitted by Lieutenant James McIntyre

Safety Officer Report
By
Officer Joseph Ponzo

Since taking over the Safety Officer position in mid August 2009, I have tackled all of the duties of the Safety Officer as well as the new duty of installing child car seats. I have installed over 60 child car seats since August 2009 and the number increases monthly with the increasing public demand for child safety. I have continued to write the weekly safety articles published in both the Stoneham Sun and Stoneham Independent newspaper.

I continue to supervise all 16 full time traffic directors, 5 part time traffic directors and 6 part time parking enforcement officers. I have reviewed and approved approximately 6 site plan hearings submitted to me from the Stoneham Building Department and have had countless meetings with the Stoneham Fire Department, D.P.W., Stoneham Senior Center and Stoneham School Department regarding an array of safety issues.

I have heard several complaints and comments from the citizens of Stoneham regarding traffic and parking enforcement. The speed monitor is placed at various locations depending on the area of these complaints and I have ordered the construction of dozens of new "no parking" signs throughout the town.

I have worked with several of the schools including the Purpose School and the Stoneham Boys and Girls Club teaching programs such as "Stranger Danger" and "Halloween Safety."

This summer I worked with approximately 12 Registry of Motor Vehicle Investigators to enforce school bus violations, totaling over $1000.00 in fines. Due to the success of this program, the R.M.V. and I have decided to make this a yearly program.

Most importantly, I continue to receive both positive and negative input regarding the safety of all residents and find ways to use this advice to improve the quality of life for each and every person living and traveling through the Town of Stoneham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer Joseph Ponzo

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

This is the 150th report of the Stoneham Public Library covering the calendar year 2009.

BUDGET ISSUES

The same issues existed in 2009 as in each of the last few years. The budget continues to be a concern for the Town of Stoneham and the Commonwealth as a whole. For the first time in many years the library has been forced to apply for a waiver of the Municipal Appropriation Requirement for state certification. If the waiver is denied, we will lose our certification and the services that go along with that certification including State Aid monies and access to other libraries in the state. We will not know the outcome until after the Commissioners meet in February 2010.

Despite these budget issues, the Stoneham Public Library managed to present a dynamic series of programs throughout the year with the aid of grants, gifts, and donations.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Library is still reduced 10 hours of operation, a result of budget cuts over the last few years, and may see more reductions in the future. This at a time when libraries are being used more than ever, not just for reading but for job searches, job applications and updating resumes. The downturn in the economy has made libraries a haven for job seekers and students.

PHYSICAL PLANT

One major problem with the library facility will be addressed at the beginning 2010. The large two-story window on the Library's Main Street side sustained heavy water damage over the last 26 years. The large window on the lower level has suffered the same problem. Thanks to a vote of Town Meeting and the efforts of the Capital Improvement Committee, this problem will be addressed very soon with the replacement of the rotted wooden sashes with durable metal sashes and new panes to replace the cracked and broken ones. Screens will also be included to allow for ventilation. The investment will pay dividends through energy savings, will improve the aesthetics of the building and put an end to water damage to the carpeting and walls throughout Main Street side of the addition.

MATERIALS COLLECTIONS

Again this year, the Library Board of Trustees voted to tap into the library's trust funds and state aid to defray the cost of library materials. Over $88,000 in trust funds, donations, and state aid monies will be used in FY10 to maintain the library's collection and meet the state's requirement for materials spending for certification. This practice cannot continue any longer without depleting the library's reserves.

In this tough economy, the library continues to be the most cost-effective resource available. Again this year, our citizens made use of the Interlibrary Loan service the

library provides. By remaining certified, the library is able to supplement its collection by borrowing from our neighbors. Interlibrary Loan requests increased in 2009 with a total of 12,278 items borrowed from other libraries, an increase of over 22% over 2008. These items were delivered directly to the Stoneham Public Library. This valuable service will continue as long as we are open and certified. Further, in FY09 citizens of Stoneham borrowed over 33,000 items personally at our four nearest neighboring NOBLE libraries in Lynnfield, Melrose, Reading and Wakefield. This service will also continue as long as the library is open and certified.

The library continues to offer new and cutting edge services to our patrons. Last year we joined NOBLE to add OverDrive downloadable audiobooks to our collection. With the proliferation of mobile devices, this service brings the enjoyment of a book to your MP3 player, computer, or iPod with the click of a finger. The NOBLE consortium is now exploring the possibility of adding e-books compatible with the Kindle, Sony Reader, and other such devices. This will be the next step in the evolution of the book.

Online databases continue to be a valuable tool for our patrons both in the library and via their home computers. These databases can be found by going to the library's website at www.stonehamlibrary.org/databases. **Marshall Cavendish Digital** is a wonderful research tool covering mainly the sciences. With articles, diagrams and illustrations of all sorts, this will enhance anyone's research paper.

For those interested in family histories, **Ancestry.com** is a very helpful resource. This database allows access to census records, military records, immigration records, birth records, death records and much more. It is only available online in the library, but is an invaluable resource for genealogists.

Those searching for a new career path should try the Reference USA link to **Employers USA**, a good place to begin a job search. And those preparing for college, looking for a new career, or in need of practice for a standardized test can find no better resource than **Learning Express Library** which offers sample tests for all ages from Elementary School to SATs, GREs, ACTs, Civil Service Exams, AP Tests, Law Enforcement, Real Estate, Nursing, resume writing and much more.

All of these services are free and available at our website at www.stonehamlibrary.org (click on the online databases link) or in the NOBLE catalog at www.noblenet.org (click on the Download Audiobooks box.) All you need is a library card.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Over 500 children participated in the 2009 Summer Reading Club entitled Starship Adventures. The Library was able to offer a very exciting, fun filled summer program because of the generous donations from the Friends of the Stoneham Public Library, Stoneham Businesses and grants from the Stoneham Business and Community Educational Foundation and Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Library relies 100% on donations to run our year round programs. The weekly summer programs attracted 100 to 150 children per event.

The Mountain Mushers brought an authentic dog sled team from Montana. This program is based on the story of the heroic sled dog Balto. The program, held at the Town Hall, drew more than 200 people and was a great success.

The Museum of Science set up a traveling Planetarium targeting children ages 8 and up. This program, sponsored by a grant form the Stoneham Business and Community Educational Foundation, opened the universe to more than 100 participants.

In July, just in time for the fortieth anniversary of the first walk on the moon, the Library was afforded a rare opportunity indeed, to host authentic moon rocks collected during the Apollo missions. Our Children's Librarian, Janice Chase completed the necessary NASA training required for the rocks to make this historic visit to the Stoneham Public Library. These rocks, some older than 4.5 billions years of age, are more valuable than gold or diamonds, and over 200 individuals took the opportunity to stop and see them between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. That morning, Mr. David Reed, former NASA scientist and major contributor to the safe return of the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission, shared his knowledge of the moon rocks garnered via a career as a Flight Dynamics Officer at NASA Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas during both the Gemini and Apollo programs.

The Bee Keeper visited and taught everyone how to make an authentic beeswax candle. This program was sponsored by the Junior Friends of the Stoneham Public Library. The Axiom Drummers held a Drummer's Jamboree which taught musical concepts to children of all ages participants. Cookies by Design allowed children to create their own cookies while Radical Reptiles from Randolph, sponsored by a Stoneham Business and Community Foundation Grant, shared a variety of reptiles that the children could pet and learn about, including a very LARGE turtle.

Fall brought a new Chess Club to the Library thanks to the efforts of Library Trustee Mike Rora and his son. Principles of chess have been shared with young chess enthusiasts of all skill levels. The program has proven very popular and has been extended into the 2010.

Weekly Storytimes for ages 0 and up continue to be very popular and remain a staple of the Junior Library's programming. More than 3,000 children attended Storytime over the course of the year.

Book Discussion groups for children in grade 3 up to Young Adult are also growing in popularity, mirroring the popularity of book groups for adults. These groups meet monthly and tackle one book at each meeting.

The Junior Library has also been visited popular storybook characters like Spot, Curious George, Raggedy Anne and more. These visits have captivated pre-school aged children and their parents.

Thanks to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals, all these programs were offered for free.

ADULT LIBRARY

The Adult Library had a very busy year in 2009 thanks to the efforts of Assistant Director, May Forkin. The highlights are listed below:

The Friends of the Library Annual Breakfast meeting featured a presentation by author Gary Braver. Mr. Braver is a writer of medical thrillers.

An Ice Cream Social was held on April 30, 2009 to begin the celebration of the Stoneham Public Library's 150th anniversary. The Library began its life as a Stoneham institution in 1859 and made its home in several different locations before settling at its current location in 1904. While ice cream and cake were being enjoyed by the public, wonderful musical entertainment was provided by the 8 Thumbs Saxophone Quartet and also Peter Maguire who specializes in traditional Irish music. The evening was a great success.

On Friday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m. the library hosted Tea With Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin (as portrayed by Jan Turnquist). Our country was very different in 1859, and Mrs. Stowe talked about the times, what drove her to write her book and about her contemporaries. This program provided a great insight into the tenor of the times.

In conjunction with the Mountain Mushers' visit in July, the library encouraged members of the community to revisit an old classic of literature, The Call of the Wild by Jack London. Reading and discussing this book enhanced the experience with the sled dogs that visited the Junior Library.

In October, National Italian Heritage Month, the library was fortunate to be visited by Soprano Ruth Harcovitz. Her program, entitled The Sunny Skies of Italy, featured a mix of operatic and popular music with origins in Italy. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

All these programs were free of charge to the public.

The highlight of the celebration was Murder at Crooke's Crossing. The library's interactive mystery program played out on Friday, October 23. For the first time, the library held its own fund raiser to support the library's materials budget. With the help of brave and talented community leaders and volunteers, the library became a guessing game with the audience attempting to identify a killer from a group of 10 suspects. The suspects and detective were portrayed by some very good sports who stayed in costume and character. They were T.A. David Ragucci, Selectman Paul Rotondi, Town Clerk John Hanright, Police Chief Rich Bongiorno, FAB Member Jeanne Craigie, Library Trustee Susan Doucette, Sheila Foley, David Huygens, Theresa Mustone, Alice Viola and Betty Whelan. Capping off the cast was newcaster Hank Phillippi Ryan who acted as emcee and news anchor. Some Stoneham restaurants made generous donations of delicious appetizers. Angelo's, Bacci's, Felicia's, Gaetano's, Georgie D's, and Rang Indian Bistro all provided their best to us free of charge and we are very grateful. The program was attended by more than 100 people and raised over $2,700 for the library's book fund.

In the Internet age, the Reference Librarian's role has continually evolved at this Library and elsewhere. Increasingly, it includes a significant Reader's Advisory role, deeper participation in adult programs and a continual assessment of community demands. Reference Librarian, Maureen Saltzman, has been pivotal in finding new ways to bring reference services to the citizens of Stoneham.

During 2009, the Reference Department identified various community needs in a changing and challenging economy. We greatly expanded our career and job search resources, offered computer assistance to patrons seeking employment and updated the Stoneham Public Library's website to include helpful Massachusetts job link sites.

Further, the department was active in its support of the language and literacy tutoring which constitutes a growing presence here, as tutors and students rely upon the Stoneham Public Library for both meeting space and material resources.

The Reference Department serves as the gateway for Stoneham patrons in their search for books and other media materials not locally available. These items are obtained through our interlibrary loan system utilizing not only Massachusetts resources, but materials from the entire United States.

Finally, the Reference Department is delighted to have added another Book Discussion Group during this past year. While, our general fiction and nonfiction monthly book club will soon celebrate its sixth anniversary, we now host a second, Mystery group meeting monthly since September. The Mystery Book has been meeting monthly since September.

THANK YOU

As always, the Library Board of Trustees and I would like to thank the staff of the Stoneham Public Library for its continued hard work. Their dedication to the people of Stoneham and the Library is an inspiration. It is very much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary P. Todd
Director

STONEHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

The 2008-09 year was characterized by a renewed focus on curriculum and instruction. Members Marie Christie, Chair, Joe Viselli, Vice-Chair, Shelly MacNeill, and David Maurer served for the entire year. Marc Grimaldi resigned at the end of January and was replaced by Shawn McCarthy at the April election. Joe Viselli and Shelly MacNeill moved into the positions of chair and vice-chair after the May Town Meeting.

Student representative members to the School Committee were as follows: Nicole Willard, Nick Ciarlante, Daniela Colucci, Brandon Epstein, and Bi Kahn Zhang. Student members joined the Superintendent, Dr. Les Olson, and Marie Christie, School Committee Chair, in attending the MASC Day on the Hill in April.

The $24,879,346 budget for the 2008-09 school year was finalized at an October Special Town Meeting, when an additional appropriation of $87,000 was added to the budget to cover utility expenses. The budget was reduced by the Governor's May 2009 9C reductions in the amount of $371,458, though a grant from the State Financial Stabilization Funds of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the same amount kept services intact for the year. The October Meeting also transferred remaining funds from the 1997 School Building Committee to a capital account, allowing the Committee to replace the final original section of the High School roof.

Significant activities during the year included the following:

- A legal issues review and planning session was held in July with a representative from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees;
- The Committee and superintendent worked with the Town Administrator on the successful negotiations for the Public Employees Committee vote to join the Group Insurance Committee;
- A Statement of Interest was filed with the Massachusetts School Building Authority to renew the discussion of renovations and/or expansion of the Middle School;
- The Committee discussed with the Selectmen and neighbors the status and future use of surplus school facilities;
- The Committee reviewed and approved the Student Handbooks and School Improvement Plans submitted by the schools;
- The Committee voted to return to a self-operating school lunch program after two years of contracted management from Chartwells;
- The Committee participated in the graduation of 206 students from Stoneham High School on June 5, 2009.
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In the area of curriculum and instruction, the following significant activities took place:

- A Health and Safety Committee was established to review curriculum and staff and student safety issues, and a $5,000 Essential Health Services grant was obtained primarily through the efforts of Francine Ricupero of the Central School;

- The Committee's year-long focus on the Middle School resulted in the restoration of three teachers in the areas of health education, science and social studies;
- A two-year long review process culminated with the Committee's April vote to adopt the Everyday Math curriculum for grades K-5;
- Curriculum briefs were adopted for grades K-5;
- The High School's accreditation was continued by the N.E.A.S.C. following the submission of the Two-Year Progress Report;
- High School graduation requirements were modified with an increase from two to three mathematics courses, effective with the Class of 2012;
- A modified schedule for all-day kindergarten was adopted to accommodate enrollment shifts at the Robin Hood and Colonial Park Schools;
- Special Education services were reviewed to clarify the role of all staff curriculum accommodations, and specialized programs were modified to reflect multi-age groupings by disability rather than strict grade-level services.

Four distinctive recognition services were held during the year.

First, in September the Committee congratulated the following members of the School Building Committee who served during the eleven-year term of their service:

Daniel Hogan	Ron Fiore	Steve O'Neil
David Gardner	Maureen Soley	Marie Christie
David Campbell	Kevin Crowley	Tom Barry

Other members over the years included: Jeanne Craigie, Jill Kennedy, Matthew Kilty, Harry Paicopolos, Albert Prior and Glenys Bruno.

Second, the Committee celebrated the following employees who completed at least twenty-five years of service with the Stoneham Public Schools:

Joanne Anselmi	Mary Appleyard	William Berglund
Lydia Breen	Michele Cahill	Jean Cappuccio
Jim Carino	Geraldine Cassidy	Paul Cerrone
Marlene Cohen	Marjorie Correnti	Sara Dodd
Lucille Dunn	Pat Ellegood	Charles Freeman
Jane Gagnon	Elizabeth Martinez	Diane Muollo
MaryJo Stanton	John Strangi	Ellen Swanson

Third, the Committee recognized the following staff members who retired during the 2008-09 year:

Donna Brine	Jean Cappuccio	Sandra Corson
Cynthia Hart	Susan McClory	Larry MacElhiney
Marlene McArdle	Diane Muollo	Linda O'Brien
Anne Patriquin	Bill Porter	Nancy Rolli-Healy
Isabel Szczawinski	Rose Marie Vecchio	Mary Velluto
Bob Brennan	Bob Hogan	Elizabeth Martinez

Fourth, the School Committee awarded Crystal Apples to the following supporters of the schools:

Christopher Banos	Jane DiGangi	Randy Perillo
Mary Marchant	Katherine Burnham	

CENTRAL OFFICE

Business Office
The Business Office is responsible for processing payroll and vendor invoices for School Department employees and expenditures. The Business Office also manages grants, revolving accounts, the School Department budget, CORI information and oversees the Food Service Program.

Grants and Revolving Account Management
Federal, State and private grants are managed by the Business Office. Grant funds are expended in accordance with grant applications approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and other regulatory agencies.

Revolving accounts are used to support educational and facility expenditures incurred in the delivery of programs and resources provided through the associated fees collected. An annual, independent audit is conducted of all grants and funds.

School Department Budget
In conjunction with the Superintendent and School Committee, the Business Office prepares the annual School Department budget. Expenditures are tracked closely to ensure that the budget is not over expended and to optimize the allocation of resources in accordance with district goals.

CORI
The Business Office is responsible for administrating Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) for the School Department, as prescribed by Massachusetts General Laws and School Committee Policy.

Food Service Program
This department is responsible for providing breakfast at the High School, and lunch throughout the district, which has a population of approximately 2,700 students and staff. A full-service cafeteria is operated at the High School, and partial-service cafeterias (some cooking) are utilized at the Middle School, Central School, South School, Robin Hood School, and Colonial Park School.

The food service program is operated as a revolving fund entity. Revenues generated by sales to students and staff are used to cover salaries and expenses for the program.

For the 2008-2009 School Year, the School Department continued utilizing Chartwells, to provide management for the Food Service Program. Chartwells provided an on-site manager with administrative support. The cafeteria staff remained Stoneham Public Schools employees.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This year the Central School focused on several, specific academic initiatives. First, there was a concerted effort to improve MCAS scores in all areas by focusing on teaching students how to respond accurately and completely to open response questions. The mathematics curriculum committee moved ahead and several Central School teachers were able to pilot the two mathematics programs under consideration. The committee selected the Everyday Math program as a result of the pilot process. Efforts to meet the needs of each learner were enhanced by the faculty's involvement in redefining the role and function of the Teacher Assistance Team (TAT). Central School moved closer to assimilating a Response to Intervention (RTI) model which supports student learning within the regular education setting. DIBELS, an assessment tool, was used to identify and support students who required strategic intervention to make effective progress. Improvement in student reading fluency was addressed through the use of READ NATURALLY program.

The relationship between Central School and StonehamBank benefits the students of Central School in many different ways. StonehamBank employees served as guest readers in classrooms and a bank representative served on the Central School Site Council. Third grade students learned about banking through the **Saving Makes Cents** program. The bank financially supported the Homework Club, an after school program that provided students in grades 3, 4, and 5 with small group homework assistance three nights per week. In addition to the Homework Club, StonehamBank funded an MCAS Academy which provided support to students who needed extra help to show effective progress on the MCAS assessments.

Parent involvement at Central School helps make many programs more effective. Parents assisted the school and served as volunteers for special projects in classrooms and in the library and classrooms as guest readers. Parents helped coordinate our walk to school program and taught about economics through *Junior Achievement.* The Central School PTO sponsored field trips for each grade level and provided cultural enrichment opportunities for the whole school. The PTO also provided free and low cost evening events for families to enjoy, including a school wide Halloween party and ice cream social. Grade specific events held in the evening or after school included Bingo nights, a magician, a storyteller, and the annual fifth grade trip to RollerWorld.

Safety and maintaining a safe school environment is always at the forefront at Central School. Parents and staff members helped Central School adapt to the health needs of all students. Input and participation of both groups on *ad hoc* committees resulted in a reexamination of the Food Allergy Protocol established by the district the year before. With the need to keep students with life-threatening food allergies safe and examining the district protocol the Central School moved toward providing a food-safe learning environment for all students. Beginning the first of the year, birthday celebrations continued; however, food was no longer a part of the celebration. Teachers and parents worked together to create other ways to recognize birthdays in the classroom.

The 2008 – 2009 school year ended with the retirement of fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Marlene McArdle as well as the principal, Mr. Lawrence MacElhiney. Mrs. Sharon Bird was hired to take over in August 2009 as the third principal of the new Central School.

The 2008 – 2009 school year was one of academic growth and change. The faculty, support staff, and parents of Central School continue to work together to create a school that is supportive and effective in its effort to educate its students.

COLONIAL PARK SCHOOL

The Colonial Park School enrollment numbers dipped slightly in 2009 with approximately two hundred eighty students attending classes in grades Pre K through Grade Five. Two classrooms at Colonial Park are dedicated for several pre school classes. The remaining classrooms house two rooms at each grade level, a computer lab, and a science lab which is used for Music and Art classes. This room also doubles as a multi purpose room both during the day and after school. Students attend specialized classes each week in the gym and the media center. Special school wide events and grade level activities occur on the stage which can be accessed from both the gym and the cafeteria. Lower than expected Kindergarten enrollment for September 2009 sparked the creation of a successful pilot program combining traditional and full day students into one classroom.

Colonial Park's state of the art facility provides meeting areas for town organizations such as Girl Scouts, Daisies, and Boy Scouts. The gym is used nightly by sports programs and school organizations, such as PTO, who meet and conduct special events in all areas of the school. Colonial Park School's After School Program makes use of the cafeteria, gym, library, and computer room which are all centrally located to the Lobby.

The Bullying Program begun at Colonial Park in 2004 continues. Students identify, through the use of videos and classroom discussions, bullying behaviors and strategies to prevent bullying. In each classroom, at the beginning of the year, students sign a no bullying contract. Special school wide programs present the themes of respect, cooperation, and teamwork. This year, teachers taught the Open Circle social competency curriculum which is followed throughout the school. Students and staff learn a common vocabulary and signals for social awareness. The program teaches self advocacy skills to children to develop independent problem solving skills.

In conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Colonial Park families continue to participate in the fall and spring walk to school programs. Grade two parents and teachers volunteered to facilitate a safety program which involved walking the neighborhood to identify safety issues on the street or school grounds. Students in grade three also learned about neighborhood wooded areas through the Friends of the Fells Program.

Two curriculum initiatives were the focus of teachers' professional development activities and classroom strategy projects. After teachers piloted two math programs, the Everyday Math curriculum was adopted and all students began to follow this new approach to math. The Elementary Curriculum Director, put in place this year, coordinated this change with workshops and information for the families as well as the staff. The second curriculum focus was improving students' reading abilities. Teachers developed and followed grade level writing rubrics in each classroom. Colonial Park teachers participated in the district workshops to improve student writing on open

response questions. Grade level teams planned reading activities that crossed grade levels, and students continued to use Reading Kits to improve specific reading skills. By September, Colonial Park had hired a part time Reading Teacher to provide additional instruction for primary students. In June, the students participated in a school wide Writing Festival to display improved writing skills.

Spring 2009 MCAS results indicated that Colonial Park School met all Department of Education mandated Adequate Yearly Progress expectations in both Math and Language Arts.

Throughout the year, teachers and students prepare many special projects and programs that give students an opportunity to showcase their skills. In 2009, students performed plays, presented Readers Theater, Poet's Tea, Author's Day, Math Center Day, Trade Day, a Wax Museum, Social Studies exhibits, and Pajama Day in the pre school.

Families support Colonial Park in many ways and the school community welcomes and encourages parents to become involved by participating in the PTO and volunteering for school activities. Parent volunteers to the Colonial Park school based council meet on a regular basis to discuss school policy and advocate for building needs. Education Week this year became a family event with a literacy theme. Students and their parents worked together to donate books to schools in the Philippines and help purchase new books for needy children in the United States. Throughout the year, community service projects included food drives, letters to soldiers and their families, holiday gifts to Casa Myrna shelter, and donations for childhood cancer to name a few. The PTO sponsored enrichment programs such as the Boston Ballet, African Tales, Revels Music Program, Abraham Lincoln, Hero Art, the Treasure Trunk and Silly Willy for our youngest students. Children in K-5 also participated in a Read-a-Thon planned by parent volunteers. The PTO also organizes family social functions such as variety shows, holiday parties, and ice cream night.

Colonial Park School's proximity to Whip Hill provides unique opportunities for classroom projects that involve the Outdoor Classroom. Students plant and monitor weather equipment and bird feeders in the school courtyard. The school recycling program continues to grow. Plant forms found in the Whip Hill reservation are studied in class.

Colonial Park School provides a safe, supportive learning environment where students are encouraged to strive for excellence. The staff is composed of caring, dedicated educators and support staff who work with families to see that no child is left behind.

ROBIN HOOD SCHOOL

Robin Hood staff and parents worked all year to offer students optimum success and growth in their educational setting. Our school community is made up of a group of very dedicated and hard-working people. Our regular educational staff, special education staff, paraprofessionals, cafeteria workers, custodians, and the front office personnel work together to provide a safe, supportive learning environment for all of our students.

In June of 2009 we celebrated the retirements of Mary Velluto and Jeanne Cappuccio. Ms. Velluto taught in the Stoneham Public Schools for 39 years and was a very active, well known teacher in Stoneham. Mrs. Capuccio worked as a Teaching Assistant in our Special Needs program for 20+ years.

Total enrollment is now 350 students. We continue to house three special education integrated programs at the primary level, a program for hearing impaired students, and sixteen K-5 classes. In addition to the academic curriculum at each grade level, students participate in music or art, physical education, library, and computer lab. Students in grades 4-5 also receive Italian class bi-monthly, which is funded through a grant.

Professional development continues to be a priority of the staff at Robin Hood School. In addition to working towards their own recertification, staff has participated in numerous courses, workshops, and conferences throughout the year. Robin Hood teachers have worked diligently preparing our students for statewide assessments. The staff is to be commended for holding high standards for all students and helping each and every student achieve.

Robin Hood School continues to pride itself in the academic performance of all students. We have continued our practice of analyzing MCAS scores and adjusting our curriculum accordingly. This year we focused on providing students multiple opportunities to answer open response questions more thoroughly and accurately. Our annual MCAS Action Plan reflected this school wide effort. Students have continued to perform well in all MCAS assessments scoring above both the district average and the state average in all but one assessment. Robin Hood School staff continues to implement successful teaching strategies that enhance students' academic performance.

In September 2009 all students were introduced to our new math program, Everyday Math. Teachers were trained in this program during summer 2009 and on-going professional development and training has taken place through the fall of 2009. It is an exciting, challenging, new way to teach and learn math.

Parental involvement continues to be strong at Robin Hood. Parent volunteers are utilized and appreciated in both our library and our computer lab. Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has funded several field trips and has sponsored several enrichment programs at the school. These include Eyes On Owls, Bug Works, Native American Perspectives, The Magic of Maps, Top Secret Science, Balls and Ramps, Electrical Gadgets, Faster Than a Speeding Bullet, Choke Saver, Electromagnetism, Animal Adaptations, dental visit and a Starlab/Planetarium presentation. Our PTO also sponsored several student/family activity nights, including Back to School Picnic, Halloween Party, Munch With Santa, Dr. Seuss Birthday Party Night and a Bingo Night.

Our annual Read-a-Thon is also sponsored by our PTO. The theme for the 2009 Read-a-Thon was Health Minds, Health Hearts, Healthy Homes. In addition to our students meeting their reading goals, we had two school-wide presentations from outside guests: Diane Edgecomb, Tales for the Earth and David Zucker, Poetry in Motion.

Robin Hood School Council has continued to work tirelessly on behalf of our school, our students, and our district. Meetings were held to implement and develop our School

improvement plan. An Information Forum for parents was conducted on MCAS results and how to help your child succeed.

These extraordinary events and programs would not have been possible without the tireless efforts, dedication and hard work of the Robin Hood staff and parents. The fund raising, volunteering, and grant writing efforts that have taken place throughout 2009 have provided a forum for our children to experience valuable educational programs, family events, field trips, etc.

The parents, staff, and students have all contributed significantly to creating a warm, supportive, caring environment in which to teach, learn, and live.

SOUTH SCHOOL

South School continues to focus on key elements of educating youngsters in meaningful ways. Each element is an example of how Stoneham as a district and South in particular, works with our parents and community to meet the needs of our children and their families.

Our tuition based Full Day Kindergarten Program continues to be a success. Our After-School Childcare Program at South continues to grow, reaching higher enrollments this year than ever before. Our Stop & Shop Homework Help Program entered its seventh year. Our business partner, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, was able to fully fund our Homework Help Program once again this year with a very generous donation of $4320. This program, a major goal of our School Improvement Plan, serves to lengthen the school day for a number of our students, and give them help on their homework.

This year marked the school's fourth year of the Open Circle Social Competency Curriculum in Grades Kindergarten through Five. This program, in conjunction with the Stone Center from Wellesley College, provides teachers and staff with training in how to implement the Open Circle curriculum in each classroom twice weekly throughout the school year. We also conducted our fourth year of parent training in Open Circle.

Our K-3 staff continued to implement the three-tier model for reading instruction. This model, based on the Reading First Federal Grant program, involves using the DIBELS assessment to gauge how students are progressing with their reading skills. The schedule was adjusted to allow for smaller, intensive group work for each child based on their needs. Staff and parents report a high degree of success and satisfaction from this approach, which individualizes and differentiates our reading instruction.

Our Preschool Staff provided parent workshops focusing on Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Classroom and Child Management Techniques. This was a teacher-driven process where staff is training parents around issues common to all. The workshops were very well received and plans are in place to continue to provide workshops next year as well.

This year marked the piloting and eventual adoption of a new math curriculum, Everyday Math. We are looking forward to implementing this exciting new math curriculum next year. We are planning to offer professional development for teachers to help them

implement the program. We also plan to offer parent training as well, since this program does make a departure from the more traditional math program that has been in place over the past 10 years in Stoneham.

Our PTO Mini Grants Program continues to thrive. This program seeks to encourage teachers and staff to plan for events and activities that go "above and beyond" the normal school curriculum and school day. We also had our Author's Night in May. This year we continued to have our Third and Fourth/Fifth Grade Math Nights that have been so popular. This year our school was awarded a $1000 grant from Best Buy.

Our PTO and School Site Council continue to be tremendously positive forces that contribute to the overall climate of South. We offered a full range of school wide activities, such as Holiday Breakfast, Halloween Party, Back-to-School Picnic, and Bingo and Pasta Nights. Our Community Outreach effort expanded this year to include a tremendously successful Thanksgiving food drive and "Giving Tree", which provided local families with toys and clothing for their children. Our PTO consistently provides students with enrichment opportunities through in school visits and performances, as well as educationally sound field trips. The school also continued to offer a full Junior Achievement curriculum, in conjunction with our PTO.

South School continues in its mission to educate its children in the most complete ways possible. Staff and parents consistently work together to reach our goals. We are fortunate to have so many of these special opportunities to enrich and support the academic and social lives of our children. We will look for ways to continue to do so.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Stoneham Middle School is made up of grades 6, 7 and 8. As of October 2008, the student population of 606 breaks down as follows: 194 students in grade six, 203 students in grade seven and 209 students in grade eight. The schedule at the middle school engages students in more than 900 hours of time-on-learning. Core academic offerings include: English Language Arts, math, science, and social studies. Students participate in physical education, art, music, world languages (French, Spanish or Italian), reading/ study skills and math enrichment. Additionally, Stoneham Middle School offers chorus and band to its students during its Activity Block which meets every Day Two of its six day cycle. Students who do not choose to participate in these offerings take part in sustained silent reading.

In keeping with our mission to provide a safe and drug-free environment, all staff and students participated in a "lockdown drill" under the supervision of the Stoneham Police Department and the canine unit. The drill was carried out and the school responded in accordance with the Stoneham Public Schools Crisis Plan.

Through the generosity of local businesses and the hard work of our PTO, the following initiatives were offered to our students: A three season, three sport intramural program funded by the Stoneham Public Schools Foundation; The Drama Program was restored through a grant by SBCEF; The students put on the performance "The Fools of The World and The Flying Ship"; School-wide enrichment program provided by the Stoneham Cultural Council through the efforts of the PTO: *Ball in the House* an

interactive a cappella group that discusses and teaches many aspects of music and performance and how it works.

The Middle School continues to work toward "going green". Student Council picks up all classroom recycle bins once a week. We also had our first annual sneaker collection recycling old sneakers. For the second year in a row parents, teachers and students participated in beautifying and maintaining our newly refurbished courtyard.

Stoneham Middle School has been identified by DESE as a school needing Restructuring. In response, the Math Action Team evolved into the Math- English Action Team. The team is headed by the Assistant Superintendent of Schools and is made up of the principal, math and English teachers from each grade level, a special education teacher and a parent representative. We will continue to use formative and interim assessments in math and in ELA to drive instruction. In addition, the following initiatives were put in place to address some of the areas of focus. A special education teacher was added to work with increased population of special education students. Administrators and guidance counselors met individually with students to discuss their MCAS scores. The target group needed 10 points or less to move from warning to the proficient range. All students participated in the math MCAS practice test administered in December. Results for each grade were analyzed to help drive instruction. The MCAS word of the day was incorporated into our daily announcements and in classroom lessons. Teachers continued to implement MCAS test taking techniques into daily lessons. Teachers focused on highlighting key words and writing prompts and continued to practice active reading strategies with both fiction and nonfiction texts. Homework Club was offered to all interested students. Homework Club meets Monday-Thursday from 3-4 p.m. Peer Tutoring was offered to students who met the curriculum with difficulty. Individual Student Success Plans were developed for all students on warning status in ELA and/or math MCAS.

School council created a MCAS test taking tip booklet that was mailed to every family in Stoneham Middle School. The MCAS booklet is intended to serve both students and parents. A social studies, science and full time health teacher was added to the 2009-2010 school budget.

The Middle School strives to provide quality instruction and to create multiple learning opportunities where students of diverse learning styles and abilities can be successful.

STONEHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Introduction

Stoneham High School's October 1, 2008, enrollment was 784 in grades 9 -12. This is a student decrease of twenty one from 2007. For the 2008 – 2009 school year, Stoneham High School welcomed nine new teachers: Ron Chibaro to the Fine Arts Department; Kathleen Evarts to the Mathematics Department; Stephanie Frangules to the Business and Technology Education Department; Erin Hobbs to the Science Department, Kristen Hoar and Kristin Ronayne to the Guidance Department; Gail Page to the Special Education Department, Frank Potvin to the English Department; and Lynn Scappini to the Foreign Language department. Even with a decrease in the student population, there are 37

classes with an enrollment of 30+ students. In addition, the activity fee for athletics increased from $250 per student to $300, with a family cap of $1,200.

100% of the class of 2008 met the MCAS graduation requirements for graduation. The class of 2009 has maintained a high record of achievement and a 100% benchmark is also within sight for them. We continue to offer MCAS Prep courses to help all students pass the MCAS test. We have also added a new mathematics course for the 2009 – 2010 school year which will help students who have Educational Proficiency Plans.

We will be increasing our graduation requirements in mathematics from two to three years beginning with the class of 2012. Revitalization projects that have occurred this year include the Class of 1982 Beautification Committee refurbishing the front of Stoneham High School. Cassidy Landscaping continues to volunteer their time and efforts to beautify our front walkway. Also, air conditioning units have been refurbished in classrooms 211, 213, 215, 217, and 219.

Specific departmental reports outline other projects and achievements at Stoneham High School during 2008-2009.

Unified Arts Department

- Curriculum guides were completed for courses in the Family Consumer Science and Business departments.
- Two new faculty members joined the Unified Arts department teaching technical education and business education courses.
- Fifteen students qualified and competed in the district DECA competition held last January. Two of those students then qualified for the state competition.
- Teachers in the Unified Arts department participated in professional development programs through the Northeast Consortium for Staff Development and through various trade organizations.
- Students in the Family and Consumer Science program produced several *Culinary Café* luncheons open to the faculty and staff.
- Students in the fashion club, a group inspired by students' work in the fashion and fabric class, held a successful fashion show which showcased the work of talented student designers and raised money for charity.

English

Ninety-two percent of Stoneham District students passed the 10th grade English MCAS with 40% scoring in the Advanced category an 52% scoring in the Proficient Category. *The State rated Stoneham's performance in Language Arts as *Very High* with our improvement rating *On Target.*

Fifteen students took the Advanced Placement test in English. Twelve students earned a 3 or higher.

Curriculum guides were updated for Grades 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 English as well as for Grades 7/8 Reading/SSE over the summer. Numerous teachers attended various professional days as well as taking graduate classes.

Mathematics

During the 2008-2009 school year, the mathematics program continued to strengthen under the direction of Mrs. Donna Cargill in the high school and Mr. Stephen Jackson in the middle school:

- Our curriculum was analyzed and improved upon. A new course was added in the high school, *Applications in Algebra and Geometry*. In the middle school, a new tradition was begun in which students took a practice MCAS Mathematics test just before Christmas vacation, which was analyzed and the results used to help the teachers understand what the students needed in order to be successful in the MCAS.
- We gained and lost some great teachers. One new teacher was hired at Stoneham High School, Mrs. Kathleen Evarts. Stoneham Middle school hired a new eighth grade teacher, Mr. Brendan Doherty. This was the last year for long-time eighth grade teacher Mrs. Diane Muollo and Middle School Mathematics Program Supervisor (formerly the Science Program Supervisor) Mr. Stephen Jackson, both of whom retired.
- The math teams had successful seasons. The high school team earned two second place finishes. The middle school math team, coached by Mr. Richard Oliver, was sponsored by the Stoneham Bank. The high school math team, coached by Mrs. Julie Engel, was sponsored by the Stoneham Rotary Club. We appreciate the continued support provided to us by these institutions.
- Fifteen students took the Advanced Placement Calculus AB exam. Four students earned a score of four, seven students earned a three, two students earned a two, and two students earned a one.
- The high school MCAS results showed an increase of 10% in the advanced category, resulting in 51% of the sophomores earning an advanced rating (above proficient) in the test. The percent of proficient students remained at 34% while the percent of students in the needs improvement category decreased to 8%. Although 6% of our students, 11 in all, failed the MCAS Mathematics exam, this is still below the state average. These students will have two chances each year to earn a passing grade so that they can receive a high school diploma at graduation.
- In the middle school, 22% of the sixth graders, 10% of the seventh graders, and 12% of the eighth graders earned an advanced rating (above proficient) in the test. In the proficient category, 36% of the sixth graders, 29% of the seventh graders, and 30% of the eighth graders earned this passing score. The percent of students in the needs improvement category was 25% in sixth grade, 35% in seventh grade, and 40% in eighth grade. Receiving a warning grade was 17% of our sixth graders, 26% of our seventh graders, and 17% of our eighth graders.
- A $1000 IBM grant took care of all the supplies needed in order to cover the math meet held at Stoneham High and attended by students from Austin Prep, Danvers, Lynnfield, Peabody, and Wakefield. This was a great help to the students' program.
- We ended the year on an exciting note in learning that, thanks to the efforts of Stoneham mathematics teacher Mrs. Julie Engel, the Virginia A McGuire Foundation and the Morris S and Florence H Bender Foundation had awarded a total of $17,500 to the Stoneham High Mathematics program. It was stipulated that the funds would be used for the sole purpose of acquiring materials for the Stoneham

High School Mathematics Department and providing funding for the Stoneham High School Math Team. We are grateful for the assistance these grants will provide.

- A new mathematics program supervisor was hired for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Mrs. Karen Hamond is excited to join the staff of Stoneham Public Schools!

Science

- New Life Science textbooks were purchased for the seventh grade.
- New AP Biology textbooks were purchased for the high school.
- One new Biology/Health teacher was hired at the high school.
- High school biology teachers attended the Harvard University HHMI- Life Sciences Outreach Fall Program Lecture Series.
- Middle and high school science teachers spent in-service time reviewing MCAS exam questions and came up with strategies on how to improve test scores.
- The high school chemistry curriculum was revised and the separate chemistry lab course was eliminated. Chemistry lab will now be incorporated into regular chemistry course.
- For AP Environmental Science – 26 students took the test, 22 scored a "3" or higher
- For AP Physics – 11 students took the test, 5 scored a "3" or higher
- Biology MCAS results continued to improve. From the 172 students who took the test in the spring, there were only 9 failures.

Social Studies

- During the past year, teachers in grades six through eleven continued developing lesson aligned with the *Massachusetts History and Social Science Framework* document. Curriculum Guides were written for 3 courses.
- Three hundred and seventy five students participated in the National History Day competition at the fifth annual Stoneham High School history fair. Fifteen projects moved on to compete at the regional History Day competition in Winchester. Five projects were selected to participate in the state competition, and two were selected to represent Massachusetts at the National.
- Professional Development experiences for secondary social studies teachers included coursework and workshops offered through: Research for Better Teaching, The Massachusetts Economic Council, Primary Source, Massachusetts Historical Society, Facing History and Ourselves, The Kennedy Library, the National Endowment for the Humanities and many local state and private colleges.
- Twenty nine students took the United States History AP exam and twenty two earned a score of 3 or better.
- Fifty seven seniors participated in the community service program, working as classroom aides, raising money for local and national charities, and donating their time to various community initiatives. Student in this class launched a very successful voter registration drive, registering the majority of eligible juniors and seniors.

Foreign Language

- 7 students took the Advanced Placement test in Spanish. One student received a 5, three students received a 3, and three students received a 2.

- 9 students took the French AP exam. One student received a 4, four students received a 2, and four students received a 1
- 4 students took the Italian AP exam. Two students received a 3 and two students received a 2.
- 54 students took the National Latin Exam and 35 received awards:

Gold 5	Cum laude..... 6
Silver..... 15	Blue Certificate of Merit 1
Magna cum laude..... 8	

The Italian teachers piloted Ciao, published by Houghton Mifflin, in the Italian 1 Intensive class at the High School.

The Spanish teachers researched various textbooks and chose to pilot Expresate at the High School and Avancemos at the Middle School.

The Foreign Language Department celebrated Foreign Language Week in March with various musical performances, singing, plays, food, and games.

The French Club travelled to Quebec for a weekend in March.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

The Physical Education and Athletic Department conducts a variety of programs including, but not limited to, required Physical Education, Adaptive Physical Education, and an Interscholastic Athletic program. These programs were planned with attention to equal access to program offerings and facilities.

The Physical Education Department presently employs a total of 8.0 physical education teachers:

- 2.0 for the high school
- 3.0 for the middle school
- 3.0 for the elementary schools

Our physical education teachers and one adaptive physical education teacher, grades K-12, follow the physical education curriculum and present the proper physical conditioning for appropriate activities as well as teach skills in a safe and sequential manner.

The current fitness testing program consists of the following:

- Screening test - grades K, 1, & 2
- Youth physical fitness test-grades 4, 5, 7, & 8
- Health-related test - grades 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, &12

Our objective is to combine assessment of our fitness program with practical follow-up on why and how to stay fit for a lifetime. During the past year, 60% of the students passed the above fitness tests.

Postural screening for students in grades 5 through 9 and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes for all grades 6 through 9 students were effectively conducted. Also, an adaptive physical education program that serviced the special physical needs of some students continued with measurable success.

Our athletic program is made up of 22 varsity interscholastic sports, 12 sports for the girls' program and 10 sports for the boys' program. In addition, there are fall and winter cheerleading squads. In total, there are 41 high school squads including freshman, junior varsity and varsity. The overall goal of the athletic program at Stoneham High School is to provide equal opportunity for all student-athletes to reach their full potential as members of competitive teams. Each sport and each level of participation has specific goals and objectives which fit into the framework of the athletic program.

During the past 2008-2009 school year, 763 slots were filled by participants in our sports program (fall - winter - spring). In our senior class of 206 students, 108 students played a sport in their senior year (52% of the senior class involved in at least one sport their Senior year). 161 students participated in at least one sport in their 4 year career at Stoneham High School; at 80% this number is pretty impressive.

2008-2009 Major Accomplishments

In the fall, the boy's soccer team qualified for the state tournament for the 10th year in a row. In Girl's X-Country; Ali Simeone and Lauren Kennedy finished 1-2 respectively in dual meet competition all season. Ali won the league meet with Lauren taking 4th and Ali won the state coaches meet for the 2nd year in a row. In Field Hockey, the girls beat rival Melrose 2-1. Golf saw senior Ryan Cail get named All-League. In Swimming, we qualified 2 individuals and 3 relays for sectionals and 2 individuals and 2 relays for states.

In the winter, the Girl's Basketball team beat Reading at home, who at the time was ranked #3 in eastern mass (47-39). The Stoneham girl's went on to a 17-3 regular season record winning two tournament games before losing in the North Semi-finals. Girl's Hockey had their first ever shut-out vs. Belmont and finished the season 6-10-4.

In the spring, Baseball beat the league champs (Reading) 2-0 and qualified for the state tournament. In Softball, they earned 16 regular season wins - including a 1-0 win over unbeaten Lexington. Boy's Tennis qualified for the state tournament as Oli Joggi led the way with a 13-3 record in the very tough M.L.

Safety - Acknowledgements

Safety is an important part of our athletic program. The major items listed below are some of the highlights insuring the health and welfare of our student-athletes:

- students were equipped well for personal safety
- our equipment received proper maintenance
- our trainers from Advantage provided excellent medical support to our students
- school maintenance workers gave careful attention to the condition of our fields for practices and games

- A cell phone and walkie-talkie communication system and emergency plan system is in place for the care of athletic injuries and emergencies. Our Athletic trainers are always equipped with a difibulator as well as there being one in the gym lobby and one in the main entrance lobby.

Athletic Department – Acknowledgements

The maintenance department worked diligently to keep up our athletic facilities both indoor and out. Thanks to Tommy Sweet and Kevin Yianacopolus

The Stoneham Booster Club supported the Athletic Program through funding of awards and three banquets (fall, winter, spring).

The youth programs around town all pitched in one way or another to help keep our athletic program afloat. For example, football, baseball and softball held future Spartan events at our home games to bring in the support of our community. Most, if not all, youth programs are working very hard to help keep athletics alive and well in town – most have made donations in one way or another.

Thanks to Kathy Welch, the Athletic secretary.

Sport	Season	Athletes	08-09 Record	Coach
Cheerleading	Fall	15	-	Eileen Dilisio
Cross Country (B)	Fall	19	3-6-0	Phil Riley
Cross Country (G)	Fall	10	3-6-0	Kevin Norton
Field Hockey	Fall	32	3-2-3	Anna Dobbins
Football	Fall	51	1-10-0	Dave Wilcox
Golf	Fall	10	1-8-0	Bill Seabury
Soccer (B)	Fall	57	7-5-6	Jim Carino
Soccer (G)	Fall	61	4-12-2	Sharon Chapman
Swimming	Fall	27	4-14-0	Chris Collins
Volleyball	Fall	31	5-8-0	Michelle Davison
Basketball (B)	Winter	40	3-15-0	Scott Marino
Basketball (G)	Winter	30	15-3-0	Angela Billings
Cheerleading	Winter	20	-	Stephanie Frangules
Gymnastics	Winter	18	7-1-0	Annemarie McNeil
Ice Hockey (B)	Winter	43	2-15-1	Bill Seabury
Ice Hockey (G)	Winter	19	2-10-4	Sara Swett
Track – Winter (B)	Winter	29	4-5-0	Bob Powers
Track – Winter (G)	Winter	29	4-5-0	Kaitlin Carter
Baseball	Spring	43	6-12-0	Bill Seabury
Softball	Spring	25	13-3-0	Tom Johnson
Tennis (B)	Spring	10	5-13-0	Chris Sweeney
Tennis (G)	Spring	17	7-13-0	Sarah Smith
Track – Spring (B)	Spring	63	5-4-0	Bob Powers
Track – Spring (G)	Spring	64	6-3-0	Kristen Hoar
Total Participation 08-09		**763**		

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement

The mission of the Stoneham High Guidance Department is to work with students, faculty and families to promote learning, goal setting and the development of personal, social and civic responsibility in accord with the school and district goals. We believe that all students can be successful learners and should be aided in the development of a realistic future plan through career and college exploration and self-evaluation.

The goal of the Guidance Department is to assist each student in developing the academic, civic and social skills necessary to be healthy, responsible contributors to society. The major functions of the guidance department are educational, personal, college and career counseling, and group testing.

System-wide Testing Results

Testing results are detailed on the following pages. SAT and AP scores for high school students are included. In the past, results were given for Iowa tests in 2nd and 6th grades but that testing is no longer done at the elementary and middles schools. MCAS test results are reported with data provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

MCAS 2009 – Analysis of Results

Below is an overview of the 2009 MCAS test results for all Stoneham students. This includes all students in the district. The requirement of the federal ***No Child Left Behind*** law is that all students should be proficient in English/Language Arts and Math by 2014. The information reported here addresses whether we are making progress toward that goal (**% A/P**) and whether there have been improvements since the 2008 testing.

Grade/Test	Change from 2008 results	% A/P
Grade 3 Reading	4% more students in Advanced/Above Proficient and Proficient levels	**64**
Grade 3 Math	2% more students in Advanced/Above Proficient and Proficient levels	**67**
Grade 4 ELA	12% more students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**63**
Grade 4 Math	17% more students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**56**
Grade 5 ELA	2% fewer more students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**68**
Grade 5 Math	10% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**43**
Grade 5 Sci/Tech	4% fewer students reached Advanced of Proficient.	**53**
Grade 6 ELA	4% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**65**
Grade 6 Math	8% more students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**58**
Grade 7 ELA	2% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**65**
Grade 7 Math	2% more students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**39**
Grade 8 ELA	4% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**78**
Grade 8 Math	14% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**42**
Grade 8 Sci/Tech	15% fewer students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**33**
Grade 10 ELA	8% more students reached Advanced or Proficient	**92**
Grade 10 Math	10% more students reached Advanced or Proficient.	**85**
Grade 10 Biology	6% more students reached Advanced or Proficient	**78**

Stoneham Public Schools – 2009 – MCAS Results

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's mandated state tests (MCAS) were administered to students in grades 3 – 10 in spring 2009. The results, by performance level, are listed below.

Performance Levels	Grade 3 Reading District/State	Grade 3 Math District/State
Advanced/Above Proficient	12/12	23/20
Proficient	52/45	44/40
Needs Improvement	28/33	21/25
Warning/Failing	8/10	12/15
Students Included	194	194
CPI	86.2	84.8

Performance Levels	Grade 4 ELA District/State	Grade 4 Math District/State
Advanced/Above Proficient	12/11	17/16
Proficient	51/42	39/32
Needs Improvement	30/35	36/41
Warning/Failing	7/11	7/11
Students Included	222	223
CPI	84.9	83.5

Performance Levels	Grade 5 ELA District/State	Grade 5 Math District/State	Grade 5 Science & Technology District/State
Advanced/Above Proficient	13/15	10/22	15/17
Proficient	55/48	33/32	38/32
Needs Improvement	29/29	44/29	39/39
Warning/Failing	3/8	14/18	9/12
Students Included	206	206	206
CPI	88.2	73.5	80.3

Performance Levels	Grade 6 ELA District/State	Grade 6 Math District/State
Advanced/Above Proficient	15/16	22/24
Proficient	50/50	36/33
Needs Improvement	26/24	25/27
Warning/Failing	8/9	17/16
Students Included	201	202
CPI	84.7	77.0

Performance Levels	Grade 7 ELA District/State	Grade 7 Math District/State
Advanced/Above Proficient	11/14	10/16
Proficient	54/56	29/33
Needs Improvement	30/23	35/30
Warning/Failing	6/7	26/21
Students Included	217	217
CPI	86.3	67.1

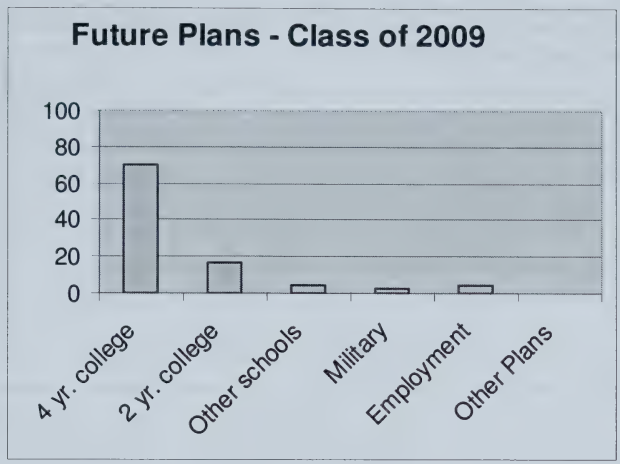
Performance Levels	Grade 8 ELA District/State	Grade 8 Math District/State	Grade 8 Science & Technology District/State
Advanced/Above Proficient	14/15	12/20	2/4
Proficient	64/63	30/28	31/35
Needs Improvement	15/15	40/28	44/40
Warning/Failing	8/6	17/23	23/21
Students Included	222	220	220
CPI	89.6	71.1	66.3

Performance Levels	Grade 10 ELA District/State	Grade 10 Math District/State	Grade 10 Science & Technology District/State
Advanced/Above Proficient	39/29	51/47	19/16
Proficient	53/52	34/28	59/45
Needs Improvement	7/15	8/18	18/29
Warning/Failing	2/4	6/8	4/9
Students Included	182	183	169
CPI	97.3	93.3	91.1

Developmental Guidance

The Guidance Department's mission encompasses much more than testing. Counselors present classroom lessons to students in grades 6 – 12 on transition, time management, bullying, internet safety, study skills, goal setting, graduation requirements, understanding their transcripts, scheduling and future planning. Evening programs are held for students and their parents in grades 8 - 12. These evening meetings cover transition to the high school, early college awareness, future planning, the college application process and financial aid. The guidance staff, teachers and administrators function as an effective team assisting students in post-secondary planning. The follow-up report of the future plans of the members of the Class of 2009 is shown below:

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES	73.0%
TWO-YEAR COLLEGES	16.0%
OTHER SCHOOLS	4.0%
MILITARY SERVICE	3.0%
EMPLOYED	4.0%
TOTAL	100.0%



Testing and Future Planning

Tenth and Eleventh graders were offered career interest inventories and began the college exploration process through the Naviance program in the spring. All 10th and 11th graders planning to attend college were encouraged to take the PSAT in October. The College Entrance Examination Board Test (SAT) is given to interested high school students at Stoneham High four times each year. 74% of the Class of 2009 took an SAT compared to 84% of the state and 46% of the nation.

SAT Results

The chart below shows the SAT results for students in the class of 2009.

RANGE	CRITICAL READING	MATH	WRITING
700 -- 790	1	6	1
600 -- 690	21	24	17
500 -- 590	43	43	40
400 -- 490	67	52	69
300 -- 390	14	22	22
200 -- 290	5	4	2

Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores - Class of 2009

SUBJECT	STONEHAM	MASSACHUSETTS	NATIONAL
CRITICAL READING	490	514	501
MATHEMATICS	496	526	515
WRITING	481	510	493

AP Testing Program

In 2009, 64 students, including 31 juniors, took one or more AP tests. In all, 118 tests were administered. The 33 seniors who took AP tests represent 16% of the class of 2009.

Over half the students taking Calculus, English Lit/Comp, Environmental Science and U.S. History earned scores of 3, 4 or 5.

SUBJECT	*5*	*4*	*3*	*2*	*1*	*TOTAL TESTS*	*% SCORING 3 – 4 - 5*
Calculus AB	0	4	7	2	2	15	73
English Lit/Comp	1	4	7	3	0	15	80
Env. Science	9	12	1	4	0	26	85
French	0	1	0	5	4	10	10
Italian	0	0	2	2	0	4	50
Physics B	0	1	4	5	1	11	45
Spanish	1	0	3	4	0	8	50
U.S. History	5	10	7	4	3	29	76
Total	16	32	31	29	10	118	67

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The primary responsibilities of the Special Education Department include: (1) evaluating and assessing referred children to determine if they meet the criteria for special education services, (2) developing individualized educational plans (IEP's) to meet students' identified needs, (3) providing special education services as indicated through the students' IEP's, and, (4) periodic re-evaluation and review of student progress. Specialized education is provided to students who are determined to have one of the following areas of disability, and whose disability is significantly impacting their ability to make effective progress in school:

> *Autism, Developmental Delay, Intellectual Impairment, Sensory Impairment (Hearing, Vision and/or Deaf-Blind), Neurological Impairment, Emotional Impairment, Communication Impairment, Physical Impairment, Health Impairment, and Specific Learning Disability*

The Special Education Department adheres to the rules and policies as determined by state (Chapter 766) and federal (IDEA) laws governing the education of students with special education needs. Under these laws, schools are mandated to provide services required to assist eligible children between the ages of three and twenty-two in receiving a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive educational environment. In addition, early screening and evaluation procedures to determine eligibility for services can occur as early as two and a half years of age.

Regular education and special education personnel continue to collaborate through building-based Child Study or Teacher Assistance Teams. This process, under the direction of building Principals, can lead to modifications and accommodations of students' educational programs without the need for a referral to special education. Child Study Teams examine concerns regarding student performance, strategies which have been implemented to date and make suggestions for further strategies which could be

implemented by regular education personnel. Special educators can be actively involved in the process including conducting structured observations of typical areas of difficulty and consulting with regular education staff.

Stoneham Public Schools offers a continuum of special education services along the least restrictive environment principle. According to this guiding principle, attempts are made to maintain students as much as possible in regular education activities with supports before other options are considered. Special education personnel will often provide individualized assistance to students within their regular education classrooms as well as providing specialized instruction outside of the classroom.

Another variation of this principle is provided through co-taught classrooms, where regular and special education teachers collaborate on group activities for the entire classroom. Such classrooms are typically assigned a cluster of special education students with constant academic support needs. This model enables supports to be provided in a normalizing social and academic context which minimizes stigmatization of the special education students. It also enables staff to provide differentiated instruction to students with a range of academic skills. The collaborative efforts of regular and special educational teaching staff offer complementary skills to meeting the needs of their students.

In addition to special education teaching staff, related support service personnel also provide assistance to students both within regular classroom settings as well as outside of classrooms. Such specialists include the areas of speech and language, hearing, vision, physical and occupational therapies and adaptive physical education. All personnel work within an interdisciplinary approach to maximize effectiveness in accomplishing identified goals and objectives. Such an approach requires consultation among staff and participating in common planning activities.

Stoneham Public Schools also operates more specialized program models. These models typically serve children with intensive disabilities and support needs. Irrespective of a child's profile, efforts are occurring constantly to identify opportunities for inclusion in activities with regular education students. Such opportunities vary for each child based on their ability to meet expectations in group routines with adult supports that are provided.

The full continuum of special education services is also available to prekindergarten children beginning at 3 years of age. The Stoneham school district engages in proactive child find screening and evaluation activities to identify children who can exhibit an educational disability at an early age. Personnel work closely with early intervention service providers to accomplish a smooth transition of services at 3 years of age.

During the 2008-09 academic year, Stoneham Public Schools has maintained memberships with the SEEM and Merrimack Education Collaboratives. These organizations are partnerships among a group of communities to provide cost-effective programs for low incidence student populations who typically present with the most intensive support needs. The Collaboratives also provide specialized contractual services to support Stoneham within-district programs as well as ongoing professional development activities.

The Special Education Department continually evaluates its program models in an effort to plan and implement programs which best meets the needs of its special education student population.

A child count is conducted for federal reporting requirements on October 1st of each year. On October 1st, 2008, the Stoneham school district identified 511 students receiving special education support services. This total includes students who are of prekindergarten age.

As of June 23rd, 2009, the Stoneham school district had 60 severe needs students placed into out-of-district educational programs. Of this total, 25 students attended private school programs and 35 students attended programs operated by educational collaboratives (formed by partnerships among school districts). Student progress is monitored closely to determine if they are appropriate candidates who can meet the expectations of within-district programs that are available.

Graduates...Class of 2009

Dikran Abkarian
Jennifer I. Addonizio
Jasmine Alejandro
Mark N. Andreottola
Alessio Angiolilli
Vittorio Annunziata
Andiana Yaris Aponte-Jimenez
Michael T. Awiszus
Ashley Marie Baffo
* Kriste Baranauskaite
Molly Elizabeth Barrineau
* Kristina Batt
Michael S. Bekkenhuis
Jeffrey T. Birtwistle
*▲ Paul C. Born
Kyle D. Bowdidge
Alyssa Renee Bryan
David M. Buono, Jr.
*▲ Ashley Grace Butterworth
Ryan Michael Cail
Michael Joseph Calarese
*▲ Casey Lee Callahan
* Robert J. Callahan
* Jennifermarie F. Campinell
* Alexandra Marie Carlino
* Alexander Robert Carpenito
* Edward E. Castro
Courtney Lynda Chapman
Monica Grace Chapman
* Anthony J. Colarusso
Giliann Kristine Collins
Taylor Collins
Carolyn Louise Colliton
*▲ Kasey A. Conlon
* Molly Rose Conneely
* Briana Denise Coppola
Brittany Ann Cormier
Hannah Lee Cormier
Nicholas J. Coscia
Maria Ines Santos Costa
Ryan E. Costantino
Ashley Nicole Cox
* John M. Crowe
Virginia P. Cummings
Ashley D'Angelo
Heather Marie Dalbeck
* Zachary J. Daly
Tara Lynn Dampolo
*▲ Alexandra Kathleen Daniels
Amanda J. Danzig
*▲ Nicole D. DeBenedetto
Theresa Ann DeMarco
* Alyssa J. DeSantis
*▲ Briana P. DeVincenzo
Arson B. Desulme
Queenie Desulme
Jenelle Lee DelOrfano
Anthony P. DiBiase
Dylan DiChiara
Nicholas S. DiMaggio
Lindsay V. DiMarzo
*▲ Catherine M. Doherty
William Doherty
*▲ Danielle Jean Donovan
Daniel P. Dowling
Robert C. Duff-Turcotte
Makenzie Ann Duffy
* Anthony Alexander Duli
Matthew Edginton
Erin D. Ehrhardt
Justin Ehrhardt
Daniel Kevin Faulkner
Nicholas D. Federico
John M. Fiore
* Kate Alyssa Foley
* Shane Foley

Graduates...Class of 2009

Matthew G. Forcione
*▲ Marybeth Ford
Brian Foster
Jocelyn Fraser
Amanda Leigh Frost
Ariana Rose Garaffo
Sarah Danielle Garcia
Samantha A. Garofano
Joseph A. Garozzo
Michael P. Garozzo
Jared Gavagan
* Erica Giannelli
Michael Gill
* Lisa Marie Gresci
Gina Nicole Grimes
*▲ Benjamin W. Hertz
Matthew P. Hertzog
Steven N. Horne
Nicollette Leonilda Ianniciello
Samuel D. Jackson
Olivier Matthew Joggi
Megan Johnson
Sami Kezim
* Maxwell C. Kheboian
Zachary A. Kline
*▲ Kelly E. Kneeland
* Carolyn Mary Kotowski
Michael Robert Kozlowski
Dominick D. LaGambina
Joseph R. Lacy
* Mark T. Latshaw
Alexander Le
* Katherine Rose Leis
Natalie A. Locke
*▲ Mark D. Lodato
* Michael E. LoPilato
Sandra Louis
Denis J. Lynch
* Ryan Anthony Macdonald
* Paige Elizabeth MacKay
*▲ Lindsey L. Mahoney
Phillip M. Mancini
Michael Francis Mayo
*▲ Garrett Doolin McCarthy
* Kerri R. McCarthy
*▲ Erin Kathleen McDermott
Ryan Joseph McDermott
Erin Marie McDonough
Colin John McEachern
Rebecca Chase McGrath
Melanie C. McHugh
Kelsi V. McNamara
* Kelsey Iva Melkonian
Ashley McKenzie Mercer
Heather A. Merrow
Robert Edward Merrow
Heather Lee Meuse
*▲ Kyle Andrew Migliorini
Meghan Marie Moos
Christopher W. Mosher
Danika Patrice Munyon
Jessica Lynne Muolo
Christopher J. Murphy
Kayla Christine Napier
Jon J. Nesbit
*▲ Shun Hing Ngan
Monica L. Nup
Keri Ashley O'Brien
Renee Marie O'Brien
Thomas Christopher O'Connell
* Christina P. O'Donnell
Bridget M. O'Halloran
* Ryan P. O'Leary
* Mary Alison Penn O'Loughlin
David Oliva-Vargas
Gerard Palladino

Graduates...Class of 2009

* Sean P. Perry
Katherine C. Pesaturo
Michael F. Pierce, Jr.
Anthony Pisano
Dana J. Plant
Jonathan Paul Principato
Rachel Valentine Proulx
*▲ Michelle Elizabeth Racioppi
Patrick J. Reinold
David M. Renzello
*▲ Jillian V. Richardson
Malcolm John Richardson
Christopher J. Richmond
Megan M. Rickard
* David R. Riggillo
Kenneth J. Riordan
* Nicole M. Roberto
Danielle M. Roberts
Jolene Audrey Romano
* Michael D. Rourke
Ashlyn R. Sacco
Danielle M. Salvi
Danielle Marie Sandler
Kayla Marie Sarro
Shawn Valentino Secondini
*▲ Meghan Colleen Sheils
* Ryan M. Shirkoff
* Gina Marie Sicuso
* Christine M. Silva
*▲ Alessandra R. Simeone
Joseph Armando Sinagoga
*▲ Emily Marie Smith
Samantha Ann Smith
Hamilton Soriano
* Kathryn Marie Swanson
* Ryan M. Symons
Julianne Tansino
* Joseph A. Tarantino
Michael G. Tecci
Joseph Edward Teneriello
*▲ Lucas J. Testa
* Emily Marie Tremonte
Jessica Lynn Turnbull
Joie Christina Vaughan
*▲ Nicholas Anthony Vecchiarello
Oscar Villagran
*▲ Monica Vitale
Michael P. Wilson-Pierce
Kyle Christopher Wojdakowski
*▲ Anna Y. Wu
*▲ Rossana Y. Ye
Theodore D. Yeomelakis
Teanny V. Yuen
* Sara Zavarelli
*▲ BiKang Zhang
*▲ Jamie Denise Zizza

* *Honors Group*
▲ *National Honor Society*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Department of Public Works is now operating with a total complement of 28.5 full time positions. This includes Engineering and Administrative personnel as well as Water, Sewer, Highway, Cemetery, and Equipment Maintenance staffing. This year the Town incorporated the Whip Hill Caretaker into the D.P.W. for budgetary purposes. This individual splits his time between Whip Hill and the D.P.W. He is primarily used on tree work for the D.P.W.. As noted in recent years, our current complement of employees necessitates the "privatization" of more aspects of our operation.

In 1981 there were 67 full time employees in the Department. Today's complement of employees is not nearly enough to safely maintain the Town and its infrastructure while addressing everyday issues. For example, 20 employees are entrusted with the everyday maintenance of over 80 miles of sanitary sewer piping and water mains, storm drainage, and roadways. There are currently 323 Public (or partially public) Ways about 63 miles in length.

As a result of this personnel shortage, most of our tree work including regular maintenance and emergency removal, sidewalk resurfacing and/or replacement, water main installations/ replacements, drainage system upgrades/ repairs and sewer rehabilitation/ repair are accomplished by private contractors following public bidding procedures. This movement towards "privatization" leaves the Town shorthanded when confronted with emergencies such as hurricanes or major snowstorms. In order to provide adequate plowing services, additional contractors must be hired. In fact, two thirds of the plow routes are cleared by private contractor vehicles.

The Department is directly involved in the Town's recycling program. The drop-off center and leaf programs were very active and successful in addressing compliance with current trash regulations which ban yard waste from the general refuse flow. In order to better serve the residents, seven curbside leaf pickups per house were scheduled during the spring and fall and a Christmas tree pick-up in early January. During 2009 yard waste had again accumulated in the Town's recycling center due to budgetary constraints, however the Town is under an order of consent from the Mass DEP to remove all accumulated leaves from the Stevens Street Recycle Yard. As a result $100,000 was spent to remove the excess leaves. For the second year the department worked with J.D. Raymond of Dover-Foxcroft Maine. This company transports brush collected by the town for use in a Bio-Powerplant, at no cost to the town for removal. Quality control is of there utmost concern and therefore only a percentage of the brush is of use for the Bio-Powerplant. Curbside recycling participation has been exceptional. Additionally, a book drop off has been provided at the Stevens Street Recycling Center for the past couple years. In 2008 and 2009 there was no trash fee adopted, which directly affected the net cost to the Town.

Once again, the Department took advantage of the State offered inmate work/release program. Several weeks of work were performed by this group, including grass mowing, leaf raking and general cleanup of the cemetery under direction of the cemetery foreman. This program has proven to be a valuable supplement to the depleted D.P.W. forces.

However, due to increasing demand by other communities, obtaining this help is becoming more difficult each year as explained in past reports.

ENGINEERING

Working under the direction and guidance of the Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Engineering plans and supervises the diverse activities performed by the Public Works Department as listed below:

1. Water main replacement, sanitary sewer and storm drainage design.
2. Development of the annual work construction program along with plans, specifications and all appropriate bidding materials.
3. Construction control and supervision.
4. Cemetery roadway layout and plot planning.
5. Contract and bid specification writing.
6. Contract awardance and execution.
7. Site plan and subdivision review with associated surety need estimates and subsequent updates.
8. Oversees the planning, design, construction, and renovation of the many miles of water, sewer, and storm drainage piping within the Town's distribution and collection systems,
9. Prioritizing roadway maintenance on a 70 mile plus roadway network.
10. Maintenance of virtually every Town building (excluding schools) and various properties under the control of the Department of Public Works.
11. Engineering serves as a consultant to every Town department and committee.
12. Engineering upkeeps detailed records and plans of various structures and utilities throughout Town. Throughout the year our multitude of plans are updated as well as the additional plans drafted by the department. Scaled drawings and field sketches indicating the age, type and location of virtually every sewer main, water main, and storm drain as well as each individual water and sewer service connection to every home in Town.
13. Prioritizing pumping stations maintenance and operations.
14. Pavement repair and sidewalk replacement as funds allow.
15. Development of the annual paving program including the submission of various project request forms and subsequent reimbursement request forms related to work that is state funding based (Chapter 90).
16. Sign installation and replacement programs.
17. Tree maintenance and planting.
18. Managing snow plow operations of roadways and sidewalks.
19. Ordering various materials required for maintenance and construction.
20. Emergency response during inclement weather conditions, including downed trees and dangerous conditions.
21. Managing all contractors that work within the public way throughout the year.
22. Managing all operations at the Towns recycle yard.
23. Calculating and comparing various options available for management of town recycle yard to insure financial effectiveness.
24. Streetlight repair, maintenance and assessment of streetlight requests to insure town criteria are met.
25. Assist DPW personnel with Dig-Safe Mark outs.
26. Assessment of field maintenance needs and organic fertilization programs as funds allow.
27. Assess and recommend changes to the vehicle inventory, including evaluating recommendations from mechanics.

Scaled drawings and field sketches kept by the department indicate the age, type and location of virtually every sewer main, water main and drain line as well as each service connection, pumping stations and appurtenances. The records are maintained and updated so as to provide all necessary information on short notice.

Engineering is becoming more involved in computer technology. All water and sewer service sketches are scanned into the computer system. Drafting of plans is being

accomplished by way of a computer-based program (Computer added design-CAD). In addition, our department is assisting with updating the geographic information system to make it of use in the future by other Town departments.

During the year, the Engineering Division prepared bidding documents, solicited bids and evaluated proposals for 15 different contracts in addition to bid documents prepared by engineering consultants. Over 70 proposals for various equipment, materials, services and construction contracts were received, considered and recommendations for award or rejection rendered.

The Board of Selectmen forwarded 3 significant new or revised site plans for our review and evaluation during 2009. Considerable time was expended reviewing plans for projects at #401-397 Main Street, 436-438 Main Street and 22 Manison Street. In addition we also received 3 small building site plans.

Every subdivision plan submitted to the Planning Board is thoroughly reviewed in terms of roadway design, utility design, street light locations, conformity to other various regulations, as well as the overall impact of the development on local neighborhoods. Once a subdivision plan is approved and the developer is ready to initiate construction, Engineering calculates the amount of surety required to ensure the ultimate completion of the subdivision. For each subdivision, several surety adjustment recommendations must be made during the course of construction and prior to final release. Considerable time was expended reviewing plans for projects at # 243 North Street.

In addition, Engineering is responsible for detailed inspection of all ongoing roadway and utility work being performed in the various subdivisions and at construction sites, as well as the final inspection of each subdivision and the development of a punch list for completion prior to the final surety release. Current proposed roadways under construction and developments are as follows:

1. Schiappa Circle (Former 17 Spring Lane)
2. Stella Way (Off North Street East of Hanford Road)
3. Redstone Plaza Renovation

As of November 1, 2000, the Town of Stoneham purchased the 1560 streetlights in Town from NSTAR Electric (formerly Boston Edison Company). Upgrades, additions, and repairs are now performed by way of a contract with Wakefield Municipal Light Department. Nearly all maintenance issues are resolved in a timely fashion, the exception being problems with direct bury wiring from the early 1980's. Trenching and conduit installation to repair several longstanding outages will be accomplished as funding allows.

The Cross Connection Control program was initiated in 1992 in order to comply with the applicable provisions of Public Law 93-523, the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974; and Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR, Section 22.22, Protection of Sources of Water. Sigma Water Safety, Inc. is providing continuing building surveying, device testing and computer services.

Total Backflow Devices Tested - 613

Acting in their capacity as consultants, the Town's Engineers are continuously called upon to assist in the development and review of the plans for the many specialized projects undertaken by the Town.

Engineering continues working with and administering the contracts of various consulting engineering firms. Among the consulting firms are:

1. Sigma Water Safety, Inc. (Cross Connection Control)
2. Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. (Sewer System Evaluation and Improvements, Capacity Management Operation and Maintenance Program Assessment (CMOM) as ordered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Plan as ordered by the EPA.
3. Tremco Roofing (Roof Evaluations)
4. Liston Utility Services (water leak detection survey)
5. Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Inc. (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit); drainage improvement study
6. Hayes Engineering, Survey of Town Recycle Center on Stevens Street as ordered by Mass-DEP.

During 2009, sewer rehabilitation work was completed in study area three (3) (as part of Phase 2 Rehabilitation) as shown on the following page. Work included open cut repairs, full lining in sections of sewer main (manhole to manhole), and manhole lining. The sewer system rehabilitation work has been very successful in reducing infiltration and inflow in the Town's sewer system.

Work anticipated for future years includes the following (Please refer to map on next page for study area boundaries):

A. Design and bid study areas 4, 5, 6 and 7 for rehabilitation.
B. Sewer rehabilitation construction in study areas 4, 5, 6 and 7 for rehabilitation.
C. Citation Avenue pump station design, bid and rehabilitation construction.
D. Fallon Road pump station design, bid and rehabilitation construction.

In addition to the sewer rehabilitation work listed above, a common sewer/drain manhole at #39 Pleasant Street was repaired. This repair was due to a metal plate that deteriorated over time inside the manhole. Additional work will be done in this area during school summer break to minimize traffic related issues.

The Town of Stoneham had an accidental spill of roughly eighty (80) gallons of heating oil, which leaked out of the heating oil tank located at the Rita Road sewer lift station. This sewer lift station is adjacent to a brook, which raised obvious environmental concerns. Heating oil leaked into the emergency sewerage overflow tank for the sewer lift station, as well as into the surrounding soil.

Clean Harbors, Environmental Services Inc. was on site January 8, 2009 through January 22, 2009 for purposes of environmental remediation. At this point the Towns insurance company has overtaken all operations and subsequent testing of soil and water conditions, in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Study Area 1
Study Area 2
Study Area 3
Study Area 4
Study Area 5
Study Area 6
Legend
Inspected Manhole
Manhole Not Inspected
Rehabilitated Manhole
Inspected Pipe
Rehabilitated Pipe
Pipe Not Inspected
MWRA Interceptor Sewer
Study Area 1
Study Area 2
Study Area 3
Study Area 4
Study Area 5
Study Area 6
Study Area 7
MALCOLM PIRNIE
Stoneham, MA
Sanitary Sewer System Investigations and Completed Rehabilitation
December 2009

HIGHWAY

Paving by a Town Contractor during 2009

Roadway paving and cold planning was provided by D&R Paving of Stoneham MA following public bid. The following streets or portions thereof were excavated by cold planer and resurfaced during 2009:

STREET	LENGH	WIDTH
Central Street	1700	34
(Elm St to Collincote St)		
Hancock Street	1200	28
(Main St to Pond St)		
Marble Street	1050	34
(Main St to Congress St)		
Pleasant Street	800	29
(Summer St to Franklin St)		
Spring Street	1150	32
(Spring Ln to Cardinal Rd)		

HIGHWAY

Paving by a Private Contractors during 2009

Due to the economic conditions, no roadways were paved by contractors (i.e. proposed streets).

SIDEWALK UPGRADING

by a Town Contractor during 2009

Funding was inadequate for addressing the extensive list of sidewalk issues that have been accumulating for several years. Chapter 90 funds were short-lived as our streets continue to deteriorate. As a result, sidewalk replacement/resurfacing was limited. Sidewalk improvements were conducted by Town forces as well as contractors. D&R General Contracting of Stoneham installed bituminous concrete and Santorelli Construction installed cement concrete sidewalks following public bid.

Bituminous (hot top) concrete sidewalk work was performed on the following streets:

1. Hancock Street
2. Spring Street

Cement concrete sidewalk work was performed on the following streets:

1. Campbell Road
2. Spring Street

CATCH BASIN CLEANING

Approximately 2,000 catch basins and drain manholes were cleaned by Truax Corporation, Lakeville, Massachusetts. The key to a trouble-free drainage system is the timely sweeping of all streets in early spring, followed immediately by the cleaning of all catch basins to remove winter sand and other debris. Due to fiscal constraints, sweeping services were provided only by our own sweeper, thus extending the time to complete the project. Experience has shown that it is much easier to remove foreign materials from street surfaces and catch basins than it is from storm drainage piping. A well-timed program minimizes flooding in streets and on private property by keeping the storm drainage system free of sand and debris.

TRAFFIC LINE PAINTING AND SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

1. Markings, Inc. of Pembroke, Massachusetts, provided traffic line, word, and symbol painting.
2. Electric Light Company, Inc. of Cape Neddick, Maine provided Traffic signal maintenance.

WATER CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN/CONTRACTOR

	STREET	SIZE	LENGTH	GATES	HYDRANTS
1	Green Street	8"	470'	8	1
2	Melba Lane	8"	802'	3	1
3	Dale Court	8"	285'	2	0
4	Gerry Court	8"	322'	1	1
5	June Road	8"	328'	1	1
6	Fellsview Road	8"	575'	3	1

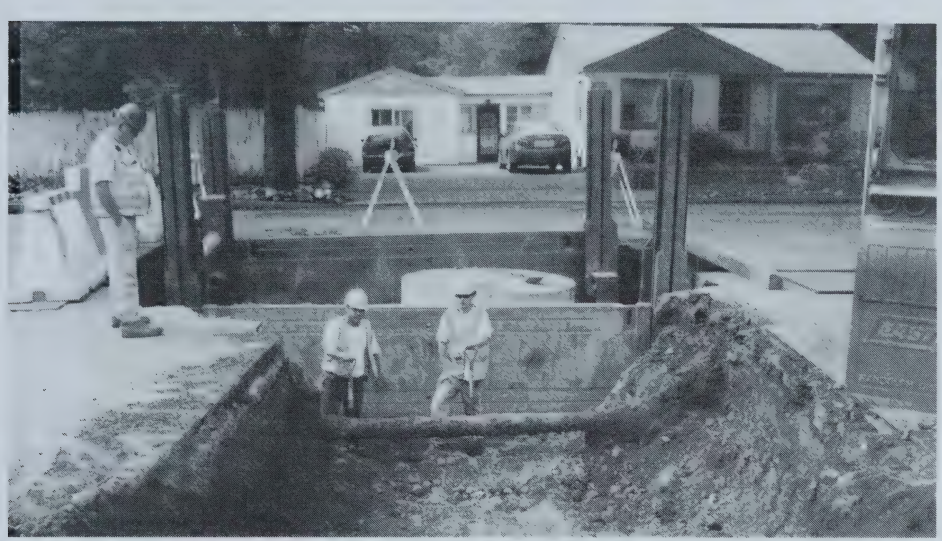
This work is essential to provide clean drinking water for the Town and also to supply adequate fire protection.

DRAIN CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN CONTRACTOR

A drainage study was conducted by our engineering consultants Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC in February of 2007. There were two (2) areas included in the study, MacArthur Road and Spring Street/East Street. These areas have a history of flooding during major rain events. The two (2) areas were further broken down into mitigation phases. For the Spring/East Street area there are three (3) mitigation phases. The phases are as follows:

1) Phase One - Install an entirely new drainage system on Spring Street, from Spring Lane to Cardinal Road.
2) Phase Two - Install an entirely new drainage system on East Street, from Cherry Avenue to Cardinal Road.
3) Phase Three - Install an entirely new drainage system on Cardinal Road, from Spring Street to the end of Cardinal Road.

During the summer of 2009, mitigation phase two (2) was completed by Tufts Inc., following public bidding. The project included installation of primarily 30 inch High Density Polyethene Pipe installed at depths ranging from 5 feet to 20 feet from the roadway surface. A member of the Engineering Department acted as the Resident Engineer on the project, saving the Town approximately $20,000 in consultant costs.



A new drain manhole is installed(rear of photo) at the corner of Cardinal Road and Spring Street, in order to allow for execution of phase 3 drainage improvements with limited traffic disturbances, which was a major concern of Mr. Robert Grover P.E., P.L.S., Director of Public Works/ Town Engineer.

It is projected that phase three (3), Installation of an entirely new drainage system on Cardinal Road, from Spring Street to the end of Cardinal Road, will take place during the summer of 2010. Phase three is still in the process of design and is projected to go out for public bidding in March of 2010. A member of the Engineering Department will act again as the Resident Engineer on the project if executed.

SNOW FIGHTING

The total snowfall for the 2008-2009 winter season was 70.75 inches. Sixteen (16) storms were either plowed, sanded, salted or a combination thereof. The largest snowfalls were 9.5 inches on December 19, 2008; 9.0 inches on January 18, 2009 and 9.0 inches on March 1st and 2nd.

During the period of December 11 to 18, 2008, a series of severe winter storms inundated the north easterly part of the state of Massachusetts resulting in heavy snow and ice deposits throughout the state, and a state of emergency was declared (DR-1813-MA). The Town of Stoneham spent roughly $40,000 during this period of time, during treatment of the roadways.

The Engineering Department with assistance from the Fire Department, applied and received roughly $30,000(75% of total expenditure) in reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after days of meeting, discussions and a detailed report submitted.

Snow plow contractor vehicles arrive at the D.P.W. yard and shortly thereafter depart after receiving there route designations.

CEMETERY

The Town of Stoneham was victim of thievery at Lindenwood Cemetery located on Montvale Avenue. The "Tidd Lot" located within Lindenwood Cemetery, had an ornamental rail constructed of rigid copper pipe affixed to granite posts surrounding the entire grave lot. The expensive ornamental copper railing was stolen.

Following notification by the Director of Public Works, Robert E. Grover, P.E., measurements were taken to determine the total length, diameter and general nature of work required to replace the copper railing and reset the granite posts.

Twenty-eight (28) sections were stolen/removed. The sections ranged from six (6) feet in length to twelve (12) feet in length.

Number of lots sold – January through December 31, 2009 - 43
Number of interments – January through December 31, 2009 - 78

TREE DIVISION

The budget for FY10 voted at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting again provided minimal tree maintenance monies. Lack of funding resulted in a reduction in the number of trees purchased and planted during 2009 by Town funds; however a grant was available and utilized. The grant allow for a total of twenty one (21) trees planted in various areas throughout Town.

This year the Town incorporated the Whip Hill Caretaker into the D.P.W. for budgetary purposes. This individual splits his time between Whip Hill and the D.P.W. He is primarily used on tree work for the D.P.W..

Trees Removed – 72
Stumps Ground – 52

TRUCK MAINTENANCE

The DPW truck maintenance department, under direction of the Director of Public works, conducts and oversees all maintenance of town owned vehicles including the police cruisers. This also includes equipment associated with field maintenance, snow plowing, paving, sign installation; police related equipment as well as other miscellaneous equipment.

EMERGENCY ISSUES:

Department action may have required 15 minutes work by one man, or several days work by a crew of three or four men with trucks and an excavator. These issues may have been called in by a resident or noticed by town officials.

SEWER RELATED ISSUES

1.	Main sewer plugs	57
2.	Sewer service plugs	47
3.	Sewer service excavation/repair	7

WATER RELATED ISSUES

1.	Water main break	7
2.	Water service break/ repair (Town Portion)	11
3.	Meter repairs/replacements	610
4.	Water meter readings	25,000
5.	Water meter final readings	60
4.	Water turn on/off	60
5.	Rusty water calls (some were internal problems)	0
7.	Hydrant repairs	7
8.	Hydrant replacement	6
9.	Frozen service calls	0

DRAIN RELATED ISSUES

1.	Drain repairs/replacements	31

HIGHWAY RELATED ISSUES

1.	Sign installations/replacements/repairs	110
2.	Dead animal pick-ups	90
3.	Street sign program – New MUTCD regulations	130

WATER SERVICE INSTALLATIONS BY PRIVATE CONTRACTORS

1.	New water services	17
3.	Water service repairs	8
2.	New sewer services	17

As of last year (2008) water and sewer connection fees were incorporated into the permits issued by the department. Summarized fees are shown below:

Residential Sewer Service - $ 500.00
Residential Water Service - $ 500.00
Commercial Sewer Service- $1000.00
Commercial Water Service- $1000.00

MISCELLANEOUS WORK

1. Winterize hydrants
2. Sewer segment maintenance program, continuous critical area preventive maintenance program.
3. Christmas light installation on the Main Street, Town shade trees.
4. Repair and fill sand barrels
5. Rake and pick up leaves from Town properties
6. Shade tree program, subject to funding
7. Remote water reader(ARB) installation / Water meter replacement program
8. Weekly recycling program
9. Water main flushing program
10. Clean sump chambers at pumping stations
11. Seasonally change decorative banners along Main Street
12. Replace or repair defective hydrants as necessary.
14. Replace damaged and/or missing regulatory and street signs. Add signs as needed.
15. Clearing critical catch basin grates.
16. Water service, curb stop repairs and/or replacement.
17. Providing appropriate plans, supporting documentation and holding hearings associated with the acceptance of streets as Public Ways.
18. Leaf collection program

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In fiscal year 2009, the Town was able to generate a surplus of $456,425 which was certified as free cash by the State. The previous two fiscal years resulted in certified free cash of over $1.3 million in both years. The sluggish economy, along with lower interest rates, negatively impacted revenues such as motor vehicle excise taxes, interest income, and fees collected from the two golf courses. In addition to these reduced local receipts, the Town received about $300,000 less in state aid in FY2009 compared to last fiscal year. This was the result of the State imposing on the Town $450,000 in 9c cuts midway through FY2009. Fortunately, the Town had emergency funds available in its Stabilization Fund to help soften the blow of this unexpected loss of revenue.

At the end of FY2009, the Town still had over $1.2 million in the Stabilization Fund even after it transferred out the $450,000 to offset the State 9c cuts. The Town has made it a practice of trying to use as much of its certified free cash as possible to increase its Stabilization Fund. At the October 26, 2009 Special Town Meeting, the Town was able to transfer $87,000 from free cash into the Stabilization Fund, bringing the balance to over $1.3 million. It also transferred $87,000 into its Capital Stabilization Fund bringing the balance in this Fund to $365,000. The remaining certified free cash of $282,000 was needed to help balance the FY10 Budget because the State reduced state aid by more than $1 million between FY09 and FY10.

The Town's objective is to someday have at least 5% of its budget, or roughly $3 million, in this Stabilization Fund so that it will be better prepared for emergency situations, including the sudden unexpected loss of revenues or increased costs. In addition to increasing its reserves, the Town needs to continue finding new ways of generating revenues or reducing costs in order to balance future budgets, and still provide the same level of services to the public. The financial picture does not look much brighter moving forward in FY2010 or FY2011. If it were not for the cooperation of the Retirement Board, the Town would be facing a much greater deficit in FY2011. The Retirement Board voted to extend the funding schedule for the unfunded pension liability from 2020 to 2023. This gives the Town three more years to get the unfunded pension liability funded and lowers the FY2011 pension appropriation by more than $300,000. The Town will still be seven years ahead of schedule in funding the unfunded pension liability because the actual deadline for fully funding the unfunded pension liability is 2030. Another way the Town is looking to reduce costs is by refinancing some of its current long term debt. As interest rates decline, the Town may be able to save interest costs in future years by refinancing old debt at lower interest rates.

The Accounting Department had a very successful fiscal year 2009. The independent audit of FY2009 was completed in the fall of 2009 and there were no major findings. This was remarkable considering that the Town completely overhauled its financial software applications including general ledger, tax receivables and collections, accounts payables, vendor files, payroll, purchase orders, and utility billing. The Accounting Department overcame many computer issues associated with such a conversion and still satisfied the needs of all those who rely on the Accounting Department. This accomplishment was also done without a full time Assistant Town Accountant, which has been reduced to a 10 hour position due to budget constraints.

The computer conversion has allowed the Accounting Department to become much more integrated with other departments, especially the Treasurer's Office. The handling of receivables and cash receipts has become more efficient and timely. Also, the reconciliation of cash and receivable accounts is becoming less tedious. Certain functions, such as generating purchase orders and payroll, have also become more efficient due to the new system. Finally, the new system offers more reporting options and extracting information is more feasible.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support. Also, I want to thank the Accounting Department Staff: Patricia Queeney, Karen Brown and Christine DelRossi for all their hard work, which made it possible for the Accounting Department to accomplish so much in FY2009.

Respectfully submitted,
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Town Accountant

TOWN OF STONEHAM
GENERAL/SEWER/WATER FUNDS
FY'09 ESTIMATED VS. ACTUAL REVENUE RECAP

DESCRIPTION	FY'09 EST. REVENUE	FY'09 ACTUAL REVENUE	FY'09 REVENUE SURPLUS/DEFICIT	FY'10 EST. REVENUE
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, NET OF REFUNDS	2,701,500	2,536,013.29	(165,486.71)	2,536,000
PENALTIES/INTEREST ON TAXES & EXCISE	273,000	155,915.96	(117,084.04)	155,915
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	65,000	66,856.95	1,856.95	66,000
FEES (INCLUDES $40k FOR FIELD MAINT.)	275,000	260,278.92	(14,721.08)	260,000
RENTALS	1,300	19,810.00	18,510.00	13,540
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE				
_ SCHOOLS	240,000	366,166.53	126,166.53	347,222
_ LIBRARIES	1,500	2,223.52	723.52	2,000
_ CEMETERIES	90,000	81,940.00	(8,060.00)	81,290
_ RECREATION	1,244,685	1,230,255.30	(14,429.70)	1,230,255
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	18,000	27,271.88	9,271.88	19,783
LICENSES & PERMITS	361,000	444,097.72	83,097.72	440,000
FINES & FORFEITS(Parking & Dog Fines)	40,000	45,701.00	5,701.00	45,000
INVESTMENT INCOME	360,000	67,622.68	(292,377.32)	66,000
DISTRICT COURT FINES	80,000	62,790.00	(17,210.00)	62,000
PENSION REIMBURSEMENTS	0		0.00	0
TRASH FEE/RECYCLING STICKER	50,000	60,533.50	10,533.50	60,000
BILLBOARD LEASE	0	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000
BOND PREMIUM	0	0.00	0.00	0
RESCO/B&M SETTLEMENT	0	31,500.00	31,500.00	0
MEDICARE PART D SUBSIDY	0	119,366.40	119,366.40	0
TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS	5,800,985	5,628,343.65	(172,641.35)	5,435,005
STATE AID	9,850,014	9,491,768.56	(358,245.44)	8,832,850
REAL EST./PERS. PROP.	35,985,587	36,173,588.16	188,001.16	37,836,484
TRASH FEE LIENS	0	119,174.94	119,174.94	0
TAX LIENS	0	134,473.51	134,473.51	0
STATE REIMB. --OTHER	0	4,840.00	4,840.00	0
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	51,636,586	51,552,188.82	(84,397.18)	52,104,339
TOTAL SEWER FUND	4,969,056	5,012,284.74	43,228.74	5,250,145
TOTAL WATER FUND	3,865,752	4,199,588.78	333,836.78	4,038,212

TOWN OF STONEHAM
Budget vs Expenditures Summary
As of June 30, 2009

		PERSONNEL			OPERATING			TOTAL BUDGET				
Depart. #	Department	FY'09 Budget	Year-to-date Expended	% Used	FY'09 Budget	Year-to-date Expended	% Used	FY'09 Budget	Year-to-date Expended	End of Year Encumb.	Dept. Turnbacks	% Used
114	Town Moderator	5,755	5,755.00	100.00%	20	0.00	0.00%	5,775	5,755.00	0.00	20.00	99.65%
122	Board of Selectmen	86,559	84,964.06	98.16%	13,797	13,796.35	100.00%	100,356	98,760.41	0.00	1,595.59	98.41%
123	Town Administrator	336,066	335,678.76	99.88%	41,500	39,551.09	95.30%	377,566	375,229.85	1,171.63	1,164.52	99.38%
132	F&A Reserve Fund	0	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
135	Town Accountant	238,323	232,954.17	97.75%	2,600	1,258.11	48.39%	240,923	234,212.28	0.00	6,710.72	97.21%
141	Assessors	146,611	146,240.51	99.75%	4,600	3,168.28	68.88%	151,211	149,408.79	0.00	1,802.21	98.81%
145	Town Treasurer	211,333	206,766.66	97.84%	26,880	15,831.30	58.90%	238,213	222,597.96	0.00	15,615.04	93.44%
151	Town Counsel	109,071	107,057.08	98.15%	17,225	15,833.40	91.92%	126,296	122,890.48	0.00	3,405.52	97.30%
155	Data Processing	75,751	75,746.67	99.99%	116,953	104,575.72	89.42%	192,704	180,322.39	8,247.31	4,134.30	93.57%
161	Town Clerk	158,871	152,526.92	96.01%	5,700	2,918.96	51.21%	164,571	155,445.88	192.31	8,932.81	94.46%
162	Elec. & Reg.	36,798	36,721.00	99.79%	35,900	30,296.84	84.39%	72,698	67,017.84	1,962.16	3,718.00	92.19%
172	Whip Hill park	58,127	57,836.28	99.50%	10,950	10,866.19	99.23%	69,077	68,702.47	0.00	374.53	99.46%
182	Planning/Appeals/Cons	28,747	28,600.31	99.49%	1,650	1,032.49	62.58%	30,397	29,632.80	0.00	764.20	97.49%
192	Public Property Maint.	1,000	0.00	0.00%	94,112	76,237.97	81.01%	95,112	76,237.97	2,047.17	16,826.86	80.16%
210	Police	3,486,254	3,484,492.97	99.95%	215,345	204,162.87	94.81%	3,701,599	3,688,655.84	11,090.16	1,853.00	99.65%
211	Traffic Directors	126,872	126,695.01	99.86%	4,000	3,475.28	86.88%	130,872	130,170.29	79.01	622.70	99.46%
212	Dispatchers	351,990	351,042.89	99.73%	4,870	3,686.94	75.71%	356,860	354,729.83	0.00	2,130.17	99.40%
220	Fire	2,621,115	2,619,712.05	99.95%	151,303	149,445.86	98.77%	2,772,418	2,769,157.91	206.00	3,054.09	99.88%
241	Building & Wire	192,467	191,855.33	99.68%	5,000	3,550.44	71.01%	197,467	195,405.77	1,348.11	713.12	98.96%
291	Civil Defense	5,000	3,488.00	69.76%	0	0.00	0.00%	5,000	3,488.00	0.00	1,512.00	69.76%
300	Schools	17,294,198	17,309,373.44	100.09%	7,585,148	7,177,959.78	94.63%	24,879,346	24,487,333.22	20,554.78	371,458.00	98.42%
399	Voc. Schools	0	0.00	0.00%	670,978	669,023.00	99.71%	670,978	669,023.00	0.00	1,955.00	99.71%
400	Public Works	869,342	826,026.02	95.02%	2,459,405	2,339,035.22	95.11%	3,328,747	3,165,061.24	5,039.85	158,645.91	95.08%
510	Board of Health	138,769	138,769.00	100.00%	2,140	1,662.50	77.69%	140,909	140,431.50	0.00	477.50	99.66%
541	Council on Aging	0	0.00	0.00%	30,000	28,995.68	96.65%	30,000	28,995.68	89.68	914.64	96.65%
542	Youth Commission	0	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
543	Veterans Service	10,455	10,415.08	99.62%	109,050	101,868.45	93.41%	119,505	112,283.53	0.00	7,221.47	93.96%
610	Public Library	602,828	580,607.25	96.31%	171,474	146,824.92	85.63%	774,302	727,432.17	12,155.13	34,714.70	93.95%
630	Unicorn Golf Course	259,997	259,915.53	99.97%	327,950	260,066.87	79.30%	587,947	519,982.40	56,676.29	11,288.31	88.44%
631	Unicorn Rink	184,007	182,272.03	99.06%	324,400	296,886.50	91.52%	508,407	479,158.53	26,807.12	2,441.35	94.25%
710	Maturing Debt	0	0.00	0.00%	3,040,000	3,040,000.00	100.00%	3,040,000	3,040,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
750	Interest	0	0.00	0.00%	1,738,795	1,701,383.05	97.85%	1,738,795	1,701,383.05	23,000.00	14,411.95	97.85%
910	Non-Contributory	56,500	56,236.41	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00%	56,500	56,236.41	0.00	263.59	99.53%
911	Contributory	0	0.00	0.00%	3,638,123	3,638,123.00	0.00%	3,638,123	3,638,123.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
918	Capital	0	0.00	0.00%	248,000	85,448.64	34.46%	248,000	85,448.64	120,742.00	41,809.36	34.46%
919	Unclassified	0	0.00	0.00%	2,709,429	2,512,867.27	92.75%	2,709,429	2,512,867.27	16,741.87	179,819.86	92.75%
920	Non-Departmental	0	0.00	0.00%	36,085	35,980.16	99.71%	36,085	35,980.16	55.00	49.84	99.71%
	TOTAL GENERAL	27,692,806	27,611,748.43	99.71%	23,843,382	22,715,813.13	95.27%	51,536,188	50,327,561.56	308,205.58	900,420.86	97.65%
440	Sewer	518,400	509,747.29	98.33%	91,825	90,647.82	98.72%	610,225	600,395.11	0.00	9,829.89	98.39%
440	Intergovernmental	0	0.00	0.00%	3,800,000	3,729,778.00	98.15%	3,800,000	3,729,778.00	0.00	70,222.00	98.15%
710	Maturing Debt	0	0.00	0.00%	89,760	89,760.00	100.00%	89,760	89,760.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
750	Interest	0	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	TOTAL SEWER	518,400	509,747.29	98.33%	3,981,585	3,910,185.82	98.21%	4,499,985	4,419,933.11	0.00	80,051.89	98.22%
450	Water	532,801	528,444.62	99.18%	185,650	170,549.55	91.87%	718,451	698,994.17	28.68	19,428.15	97.29%
440	Intergovernmental	0	0.00	0.00%	2,700,000	2,700,000.00	100.00%	2,700,000	2,700,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
710	Maturing Debt	0	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
750	Interest	0	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	TOTAL WATER	532,801	528,444.62	99.18%	2,885,650	2,870,549.55	99.48%	3,418,451	3,398,994.17	28.68	19,428.15	99.43%
	GRAND TOTAL	28,744,007	28,649,940.34		30,710,617	29,496,548.50		59,454,624	58,146,488.84	308,234.26	999,900.90	

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TOWN OF STONEHAM
Summary Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2009

Assets	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal/ State Grants	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Water Enterprise Fund	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations	Totals
Cash - Unrestricted Checking	3,206,882										3,206,882
- Restricted Checking		709,936	230,881	1,084,127	1,704,134	949,604	750,244	4,000,185	214,011		9,643,121
- Restricted Savings									187,528		187,528
Trash Fee Receivable	387										387
Prepaid Health Ins.	334,036										334,036
Personal Property Tax - 2009	37,950										37,950
Personal Property Tax - 2008	18,215										18,215
Personal Property Tax - Prior Years	13,766										13,766
Real Estate Tax - 2010	(54,919)										(54,919)
Real Estate Tax - 2009	571,499										571,499
Real Estate Tax - 2008	65,661										65,661
Real Estate Tax - Prior Years	(34,176)										(34,176)
Allowance for Abate/Exemptions	(1,331,221)										(1,331,221)
Tax Liens	475,631					8,646	3,242				487,519
Deferred Real Estate Taxes	182,746										182,746
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2009	91,385										91,385
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2008	44,290										44,290
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2007	23,022										23,022
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Prior Years	16,253										16,253
User Charges Receivable - Sewer						584,345					584,345
User Charges Receivable - Water							337,244				337,244
Trash Fee/Sewer/Water Liens Receivable	9,093					34,454	23,265				66,812
Departmental Receivables	19,740										19,740
Amount to be provided for GLTD						269,280	1,088,640			35,230,000	36,587,920
Total Assets	**3,690,241**	**709,936**	**230,881**	**1,084,127**	**1,704,134**	**1,846,330**	**2,202,635**	**4,000,185**	**401,539**	**35,230,000**	**51,100,006**

TOWN OF STONEHAM
Summary Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2009

Liabilities and Fund Balances	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal/ State Grants	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Water Enterprise Fund	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations	Totals
Warrants Payable	530,070	172,446	9,356	1,877	23,113		4,608	14,585	31,600		787,654
Accrued Payroll	383,052	781	14,145			13,676	12,509		12,744		436,907
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable					1,180,600						1,180,600
Paid Details(Police, Fire, & Custodial)									(76,371)		(76,371)
Unclaimed Items	5,978										5,978
Guaranteed Deposits									187,528		187,528
Deferred Revenue:											
- Uncollected Trash Fee	387										387
- Uncollected Property Tax	(713,224)										(713,224)
- Uncollected Def. Real Estate	182,746										182,746
- Uncollected Tax Liens	475,631					8,646	3,242				487,519
- Uncollected Motor Veh. Exc.	174,950										174,950
- Uncollected User Charges						584,345	337,244				921,589
- Uncollected Trash/Sewer/Water Liens	9,093					34,454	23,265				66,812
- Uncollected Dept. Receivables	19,740										19,740
Other Liabilities									246,037		246,037
General Long Term Obligation Bonds						269,280	1,088,640			35,230,000	36,587,920
Total Liabilities	**1,068,423**	**173,227**	**23,501**	**1,877**	**1,203,713**	**910,401**	**1,469,508**	**14,585**	**401,539**	**35,230,000**	**40,496,773**
Undesignated Fund Balance/Retained Earnin	1,925,193					738,158	733,098				3,396,449
Fund Balance:											
- Res. for Expenditures	135,000										135,000
- Res. for Continuous Approp.	200,079				500,421	197,771					898,271
- Reserved for Encumbrances	361,546						29				361,574
- Designated Federal Grants			64,538								64,538
- Designated State Grants			142,842								142,842
- Designated Revolving Fund		536,709									536,709
- Reserved for Appropriation				193,012							193,012
- Reserved for Special Purposes				889,239				3,985,600			4,874,838
Total Fund Balances	**2,621,818**	**536,709**	**207,380**	**1,082,250**	**500,421**	**935,929**	**733,127**	**3,985,600**	**-**	**-**	**10,603,233**
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	**3,690,241**	**709,936**	**230,881**	**1,084,127**	**1,704,134**	**1,846,330**	**2,202,635**	**4,000,185**	**401,539**	**35,230,000**	**51,100,006**

Town of Stoneham
Principal on Maturing Debt Schedule
As of June 30, 2009

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Golf Course(Par 3)-Construction	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000											200,000
Senior Center Renovation	75,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	65,000								490,000
Police Station Renovation	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225	222,225					2,222,250
Town Common-Phase II	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775	52,775					527,750
South School Renovation	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000			6,000,000
Central School Renovation	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000			7,800,000
Robinhood School Renovation	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000		7,800,000
Improve Town Drainage	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000		650,000
Purchase Street Lights	25,000														25,000
DPW Roof	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	10,235	5,000	0	127,820
Colonial School Renovation	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	7,560,000
Drainage at Elm/Franklin	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795			21,540
East School Boiler/Roof	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970			35,640
M. S. Roof and Doors ($848,530)	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000	53,000	53,000	53,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	50,000		697,000
Fire Pick up Truck ($60,000)	20,000														20,000
Fire Station Ventilation ($60,000)	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000		52,000
H.S. Roof/M.S. Boiler ($400,000)	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000		343,000
Sidewalk Repairs ($150,000)	37,000	37,000													74,000
Police Cruisers FY06 ($105,000)	26,000	26,000													52,000
H.S. Bleachers ($160,000)	13,000	13,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000			127,000
H.S. Roof ($215,000)	15,000	15,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000		184,000
H.S. and M.S. Repairs ($250,000)	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000		216,000
Drainage at Spring St/East St ($400,000)--BANs Issued June 2009															0
Drainage at MacArthur/Spring St ($400,000)--BANs Issued June 2009															0
Replace Arena Boards/Glass ($155,000)--BANs Issued June 2009															0
Replace Arena Roof ($225,600)--BANs Issued June 2009															0
Drainage ($300,000)--BANs Not Yet Issued															0
Subtotal	2,995,000	2,945,000	2,880,000	2,880,000	2,830,000	2,825,000	2,820,000	2,755,000	2,750,000	2,750,000	2,475,000	2,475,000	1,305,000	540,000	35,225,000
**MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project FY2005	44,880	44,880													89,760
**MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project (Phase 6)	44,880	44,880	44,880	44,880											179,520
Subtotal	89,760	89,760	44,880	44,880	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	269,280
**MWRA Water Rehab. Project	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080							1,088,640
Subtotal	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	136,080	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,088,640
Grand Total	3,220,840	3,170,840	3,060,960	3,060,960	2,966,080	2,961,080	2,956,080	2,891,080	2,750,000	2,750,000	2,475,000	2,475,000	1,305,000	540,000	36,582,920

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Interest on Maturing Debt Schedule
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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Golf Course(Par 3)-Construction	7,438	5,313	3,188	1,063											17,000
Senior Center Renovation	19,444	16,256	13,175	10,200	7,225	4,250	1,381								71,931
Police Station Renovation	105,835	95,279	84,446	73,334	62,223	51,112	40,001	28,778	17,334	5,778					564,118
Town Common-Phase II	25,134	22,627	20,055	17,416	14,777	12,138	9,500	6,834	4,116	1,372					133,969
South School Renovation	284,375	261,875	239,375	217,375	194,875	171,750	148,000	124,000	99,500	75,000	50,000	25,000			1,891,125
Central School Renovation	364,000	338,000	312,000	284,375	256,750	227,500	195,000	162,500	130,000	97,500	65,000	32,500			2,465,125
Robinhood School Renovation	316,950	297,450	276,450	253,950	229,950	205,950	181,950	157,200	131,700	106,200	80,400	54,000	27,000		2,319,150
Improve Town Drainage	26,413	24,788	23,038	21,163	19,163	17,163	15,163	13,100	10,975	8,850	6,700	4,500	2,250		193,263
Purchase Street Lights	813														813
DPW Roof	5,503.34	5,042.78	4,643.60	4,234.20	3,804.34	3,394.94	2,975.30	2,545.44	2,105.32	1,654.98	1,194.42	721.04	240		38,060
Colonial School Renovation	329,805	305,505	284,445	262,845	240,165	218,565	196,425	173,745	150,525	126,765	102,465	77,490	52,110	26,190	2,547,045
Drainage at Elm/Franklin	923	842	772	701	625	553	480	404	327	248	167	84			6,128
East School Boiler/Roof	1,527	1,394	1,278	1,159	1,034	916	794	669	541	411	277	140			10,139
M. S. Roof and Doors ($848,530)	29,443	27,035	24,725	22,485	20,245	18,005	14,560	12,440	10,320	8,240	6,160	4,080	2,000		199,738
Fire Pick up Truck ($60,000)	860														860
Fire Station Ventilation ($60,000)	2,197	2,025	1,860	1,700	1,540	1,380	1,120	960	800	640	480	320	160		15,182
H.S. Roof/M.S. Boiler ($400,000)	14,485	13,324	12,210	11,130	10,050	8,970	7,280	6,240	5,200	4,160	3,120	2,080	1,040		99,289
Sidewalk Repairs ($150,000)	3,117	1,526													4,644
Police Cruisers FY06 ($105,000)	2,191	1,073													3,263
H.S. Bleachers ($160,000)	5,410	4,851	4,315	3,835	3,355	2,875	2,160	1,720	1,280	960	640	320			31,722
H.S. Roof ($215,000)	7,774	7,129	6,510	5,950	5,390	4,830	3,920	3,360	2,800	2,240	1,680	1,120	560		53,263
H.S. and M.S. Repairs ($250,000)	9,137	8,406	7,705	7,025	6,345	5,665	4,560	3,880	3,200	2,560	1,920	1,280	640		62,324
Drainage at Spring St/East St ($400,000)--BANs Issued June 2009															0
Drainage at MacArthur/Spring St ($400,000)--BANs Issued June 2009															0
Replace Arena Boards/Glass ($155,000)--BANs Issued June 2009															0
Replace Arena Roof ($225,600)--BANs Issued June 2009															0
Drainage ($300,000)--BANs Not Yet Issued															0
Total	1,562,772	1,439,740	1,320,189	1,199,939	1,077,516	955,016	825,268	698,376	570,724	442,579	320,204	203,635	86,000	26,190	10,728,147
**MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project FY2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
**MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project (Phase 6)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
**MWRA Water Rehab. Project	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,562,772	1,439,740	1,320,189	1,199,939	1,077,516	955,016	825,268	698,376	570,724	442,579	320,204	203,635	86,000	26,190	10,728,147

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Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Federal & State Grants
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Fund Number	Federal Grants	Balance 7/1/08	Received FY 09	Total Available	Expended FY 09	Balance 6/30/09
3004	Drug Enforcement (Federal)	45,543.53	9,613.46	55,156.99	7,019.89	48,137.10
3009	Community Develop.-Ready Resource Grant	3,961.60	4,638.26	8,599.86	0.00	8,599.86
3005	Seatbelt Enforcement Grant	4,315.08	5,985.79	10,300.87	7,538.18	2,762.69
3001	FEMA Fire Training Grant	21,290.06	0.00	21,290.06	3,080.00	18,210.06
3002	FEMA BOH Emergency Preparedness Grant	4,798.75	2,856.65	7,655.40	6,206.67	1,448.73
1007	Safe & Drug Free Schools	(1,043.00)	13,741.00	12,698.00	11,759.95	938.05
1004	Title I - Reading Program	(17,110.44)	252,287.00	235,176.56	246,188.76	(11,012.20)
1002	Title VIB-Special Education for Handicapped (94-142)	0.00	608,973.00	608,973.00	608,973.00	0.00
1003	Title VIB - Early Childhood Development	2,491.81	17,504.20	19,996.01	19,995.20	0.81
1008	Title II/VIB - Block Grant	3,598.00	0.00	3,598.00	3,598.00	0.00
1014	SPED Corrective Action Grant	(1,725.00)	4,800.00	3,075.00	3,075.00	0.00
1006	Title II Enhancing Education via Tech.	67.24	3,078.00	3,145.24	3,145.24	0.00
1001	SPED Access Program	(4,013.00)	20,134.00	16,121.00	16,121.00	0.00
1005	Title II Improving Educator Quality	(3,673.11)	61,984.00	58,310.89	62,858.02	(4,547.13)
3007	FEMA Snow Emergency Reimbursement	0.00	29,989.37	29,989.37	29,989.37	0.00
	Total Federal Grants	**58,501.52**	**1,035,584.73**	**1,094,086.25**	**1,029,548.28**	**64,537.97**

Fund Number	State Grants	Balance 7/1/08	Received FY 09	Total Available	Expended FY 09	Balance 6/30/09
3016	Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.)	6,735.24	4,964.62	11,699.86	6,678.72	5,021.14
3027	MOTT-Historic Registry Fire Station Grant	0.00	31,250.00	31,250.00	28,297.25	2,952.75
3012	Police Bullet Proof Vests	6,414.50	1,490.00	7,904.50	1,300.00	6,604.50
3025	Transportation for the Elderly	4,440.62	33,085.00	37,525.62	36,932.50	593.12
3019	Community Policing	92,212.29	35,290.51	127,502.80	77,503.28	49,999.52
3021	Mass Releaf Tree Grant	8,982.94	0.00	8,982.94	0.00	8,982.94
3014	Fire Department Hazmat Grant	10,740.29	6,341.20	17,081.49	3,718.79	13,362.70
3015	Mass. Incentive Recycling Program	22,666.70	1,362.50	24,029.20	0.00	24,029.20
3022	Law Enforcement Trust	45,630.55	33,695.83	79,326.38	31,085.88	48,240.50
3024	State Aid to Public Libraries	114,351.27	27,682.44	142,033.71	54,079.05	87,954.66
3013	Weights & Measures-Purchase Equipment	229.20	0.00	229.20	0.00	229.20
1009	Academic Support	0.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	6,808.95	2,691.05
3018	Arts & Lottery Grant	3,754.48	6,683.12	10,437.60	4,900.00	5,537.60
3010	Police Safety Equipment	1,298.17	0.00	1,298.17	0.00	1,298.17
3011	Firefighter's Safety Equipment	635.24	7,792.00	8,427.24	3,642.36	4,784.88
3026	E911 Police Training Grant	0.00	45,268.80	45,268.80	25,658.89	19,609.91
3000	CH 811 Highway Improvements	10,060.12	0.00	10,060.12	0.00	10,060.12
3000	Street Improvement Grant	7,745.72	0.00	7,745.72	0.00	7,745.72
3000	CH 291 of the Acts of 2005	(42,380.66)	42,380.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
3000	CH 90 of the Acts of 2008	(7,099.49)	370,990.78	363,891.29	377,358.30	(13,467.01)
1015	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF)	0.00	371,458.00	371,458.00	371,458.00	0.00
1010	Kindergarten Enhancement Program	0.00	39,895.00	39,895.00	39,895.00	0.00
3023	MHC Fire Station Grant	2,663.17	101,331.00	103,994.17	142,997.88	(39,003.71)
1012	SPED Circuit Breaker	(70,951.63)	557,191.00	486,239.37	590,624.27	(104,384.90)
	Total State Grants	**218,128.72**	**1,727,652.46**	**1,945,781.18**	**1,802,939.12**	**142,842.06**
	Total Federal & State Grants	**276,630.24**	**2,763,237.19**	**3,039,867.43**	**2,832,487.40**	**207,380.03**

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Other Special Revenue
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Fund Number	Revolving Funds	Balance 7/1/2008	Received FY 09	Total Available	Expended FY 09	Balance 6/30/2009
0601	School Lunch Program	41,414.70	641,292.00	682,706.70	603,045.38	79,661.32
4001	Wetland Protection Fees	8,066.38	3,955.00	12,021.38	491.32	11,530.06
0606	E-Rate Discount	14,059.02	23,894.51	37,953.53	9,997.08	27,956.45
0607	Full Day Kindergarten	59,276.84	196,569.50	255,846.34	226,404.36	29,441.98
4003	Public Health Fund	13,422.64	4,630.50	18,053.14	2,693.60	15,359.54
0604	Athletic Fund	7,744.37	275,362.99	283,107.36	279,348.80	3,758.56
0602	Adult Evening School	1,053.04	0.00	1,053.04		1,053.04
0614	Summer School Program	8,918.08	1,250.00	10,168.08	1,500.00	8,668.08
4004	Youth Commission	34,096.30	130,340.30	164,436.60	138,886.73	25,549.87
4005	Insurance Reimbursement Under $20,000.	2,047.44	19,833.89	21,881.33	6,139.83	15,741.50
0611	Reimb. for Lost Books	930.69	1,170.39	2,101.08	1,928.00	173.08
4006	Senior Citizen Outings	1,650.00	0.00	1,650.00	1,100.00	550.00
4008	Rental of Fire Station	2,509.53	18,540.00	21,049.53	19,365.42	1,684.11
0613	Tuition Reimbursement for Out of Town Children	2,769.93	51,906.00	54,675.93	46,255.95	8,419.98
0605	Rental of School Buildings	56,281.19	545,631.11	601,912.30	603,370.56	(1,458.26)
4010	ADA Parking Fines	18,685.00	1,500.00	20,185.00	0.00	20,185.00
4011	Rental of Senior Center	6,455.00	0.00	6,455.00	5,620.00	835.00
0612	Pre School Program	91,765.92	122,612.82	214,378.74	70,984.29	143,394.45
0603	School Age/After School Child Care	99,775.56	383,469.42	483,244.98	340,548.28	142,696.70
4012	Arena Concession/Pro Shop/Vending	12,991.96	0.00	12,991.96	12,991.96	0.00
0610	School Instrumental Music Program	1,558.78	15,612.00	17,170.78	15,662.68	1,508.10
	Total Revolving Funds	**485,472.37**	**2,437,570.43**	**2,923,042.80**	**2,386,334.24**	**536,708.56**

Fund Number	Receipts Reserved for Appropriations	Balance 7/1/2008	Received FY 09	Total Available	Expended FY 09	Balance 6/30/2009
4201	Sale of Foreclosed Property	85,553.93	0.00	85,553.93	0.00	85,553.93
4202	Sale of Town Property	46,775.62	12,171.60	58,947.22	0.00	58,947.22
4203	Sale of Cemetery Lots	74,160.45	39,350.00	113,510.45	65,000.00	48,510.45
	Total Receipts Reserved for Appropriations	**206,490.00**	**51,521.60**	**258,011.60**	**65,000.00**	**193,011.60**

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Fund Number	Individual Gifts & Donations	Balance 7/1/2008	Received FY 09	Total Available	Expended FY 09	Balance 6/30/2009
4306	Board of Selectmen-- General Donations	1,725.00	1,000.00	2,725.00	68.13	2,656.87
4307	A T & T Broadband--Return line	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
4322	Town Common Donations	1,850.00	0.00	1,850.00	0.00	1,850.00
4310	Verizon Cable-Capital	125,861.86	0.00	125,861.86	0.00	125,861.86
4311	Verizon Cable-Operating	34,553.16	134,070.22	168,623.38	61,510.93	107,112.45
4312	Whip Hill Upkeep	2,553.51	0.00	2,553.51	448.50	2,105.01
4314	Stoneham Historical Committee Donations	1,000.00	87.00	1,087.00	0.00	1,087.00
4315	BRMC Donation-Exercise Instructor	426.65	0.00	426.65	0.00	426.65
0805	Basketball Court Donations	95.13	0.00	95.13	95.13	0.00
4316	Redstone/Eastern Bank Donations-Traffic Island	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
4318	Tree Service Donations	8,503.77	5,594.58	14,098.35	222.58	13,875.77
4319	Park & Street Donations	31,354.83	11,244.92	42,599.75	173.02	42,426.73
4320	Community Policing Donations	494.20	0.00	494.20	0.00	494.20
4321	Public Safety Donation (BJ's)	44,613.10	0.00	44,613.10	0.00	44,613.10
4323	Civic Improvement Donation	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
4324	Optical Receiver/Landscaping Donations	2,551.36	0.00	2,551.36	0.00	2,551.36
4325	BJ's Site Plan (Traffic Lights)	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00
4326	Board of Selectmen - Von Dreathen	1,305.81	0.00	1,305.81	0.00	1,305.81
4327	Board of Selectmen - Stockwell Fund	1,327.17	0.00	1,327.17	0.00	1,327.17
4330, 4333	Fire - NE Memorial Hospital (Super Pas	785.08	0.00	785.08	0.00	785.08
4332	Conservation Commission Donation	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
4334	A T & T License Renewal--Capital	25,405.07	0.00	25,405.07	0.00	25,405.07
4335	A T & T License Renewal--Operating	171,191.32	275,555.10	446,746.42	252,999.58	193,746.84
0812	A T & T License Renewal--School Capital	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	26,014.87	23,985.13
4336	Library Donations	16,022.32	6,738.00	22,760.32	2,477.15	20,283.17
4337, 4340	Senior Citizen Donations	1,870.66	875.00	2,745.66	2,527.85	217.81
4338	Board of Health - Donation Stockwell Fund	78.98	10,421.49	10,500.47	6,034.06	4,466.41
4339	Whip Hill Trust	950.00	30,000.00	30,950.00	30,000.00	950.00
0807	School Gifts & Donations	7,587.56	24,294.21	31,881.77	22,446.57	9,435.20
4304, 4305	The Mugar Group	2,543.49	0.00	2,543.49	0.00	2,543.49
0809	SHS Alumni Donations	7,553.88	0.00	7,553.88	0.00	7,553.88

Town of Stoneham
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Fund Number	Individual Gifts & Donations (continued)	Balance 7/1/2008	Received FY 09	Total Available	Expended FY 09	Balance 6/30/2009
4301	Impact Study for T Mobile Cell Tower	1,183.69	2,000.00	3,183.69	2,495.14	688.55
4302	Franklin Street Dunkin Donuts Study	3,691.33	7,039.00	10,730.33	0.00	10,730.33
4303	Highland Village Townhomes	859.40	0.00	859.40	0.00	859.40
0810	Friends of Funds	6,854.05	0.00	6,854.05	6,854.00	0.05
0801	Homework Club Donations	2,681.74	8,820.00	11,501.74	10,237.50	1,264.24
4308	Memorial Day Parade Donations	6,347.99	1,050.00	7,397.99	798.00	6,599.99
0802	Athletic Hall of Fame Donations	12,063.65	0.00	12,063.65	1,238.31	10,825.34
0803	High School Field Restoration	68,531.44	0.00	68,531.44		68,531.44
0804	Coca Cola Scoreboard	10,976.45	0.00	10,976.45		10,976.45
4313	RCN Grant	78,632.87	37,461.48	116,094.35	35,522.56	80,571.79
4317	Ralph J. Arsenault Memorial Award	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Total Gifts & Donations	**795,151.52**	**558,251.00**	**1,353,402.52**	**464,163.88**	**889,238.64**

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Capital Projects
As of June 30, 2009

Fund Number	Capital Projects	Balance 7/1/2008	Received FY 09	Total Available	Expended FY 09	Balance 6/30/2009	Short-Term BANs Issued
5012	Fire Station Design	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	0.00
5007	Drainage at MacArthur Rd. & Spring St.	(203,604.48)	0.00	(203,604.48)	196,395.52	(400,000.00)	400,000.00
5018	Drainage at Spring St./East St.	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,535.63	(14,535.63)	400,000.00
5001	Construct Sidewalks	6,707.08	0.00	6,707.08	0.00	6,707.08	0.00
5002	Fire Station Ventilation	103.90	0.00	103.90	0.00	103.90	0.00
5013	Purchase Police Cruisers	11,490.53	0.00	11,490.53	0.00	11,490.53	0.00
5006	Renovate/Construct Schools	400,004.31	0.00	400,004.31	400,004.31	0.00	0.00
5005	Renovate Police Station	18,889.07	0.00	18,889.07	0.00	18,889.07	0.00
5009	Replace East School Boiler	2,277.52	0.00	2,277.52	2,277.52	0.00	0.00
5011	Repair East School Roof	2,140.00	0.00	2,140.00	2,140.00	0.00	0.00
5010	Drainage at 41 Elm Street	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00
5004	Replace School Doors/Roof	660.00	0.00	660.00	660.00	0.00	0.00
5014	Firefighter Turnout Gear	4,421.75	0.00	4,421.75	4,421.75	0.00	0.00
5003	Arena Roof Repair	(225,600.00)	0.00	(225,600.00)	0.00	(225,600.00)	225,600.00
5017	Replace Arena Boards and Glass	0.00	0.00	0.00	143,740.00	(143,740.00)	155,000.00
5015	HS Roof Repair	0.00	515,751.60	515,751.60	28,213.75	487,537.85	0.00
5016	HS & MS Repairs	11,504.87	0.00	11,504.87	11,504.77	0.10	0.00
	Capital Projects funded with General Fund Revenues	**75,994.55**	**515,751.60**	**591,746.15**	**828,893.25**	**(237,147.10)**	**1,180,600.00**
6002	Sewer Main Construction 2009	0.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	52,229.15	197,770.85	0.00
6101	MWRA Sewer Rehabilitation Project 2005	$64,384.26	0.00	64,384.26	64,384.26	0.00	0.00
6102	MWRA Sewer Rehabilitation Project(Phase 6)	$408,000.00	8,118.35	416,118.35	58,390.25	357,728.10	0.00
	Capital Projects funded with Sewer Revenues	**$472,384.26**	**$258,118.35**	**$730,502.61**	**$175,003.66**	**$555,498.95**	**$0.00**
6202	Water Main Construction 2009	$0.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00	0.00
6301	MWRA Water Pipe Asst. Program	756,544.61	0.00	756,544.61	376,704.62	379,839.99	0.00
	Capital Projects funded with Water Revenues	**$756,544.61**	**$250,000.00**	**$1,006,544.61**	**$626,704.62**	**$379,839.99**	**$0.00**
	Total Capital Projects	**1,304,923.42**	**1,023,869.95**	**2,328,793.37**	**1,630,601.53**	**698,191.84**	**1,180,600.00**

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Fund Number	Description	Balance 7/1/08	Deposits FY 09	Investment Income FY 09	Total Available	Expended FY 09	Balance 6/30/09
8001	Cemetery Perpetual Care-Principal	896,708.48	10,525.00	-	907,233.48	-	907,233.48
8002	Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower-Principal	13,659.70	-	-	13,659.70	-	13,659.70
8003	Thomas Henry Jones Scholarship Fund-Principal	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
8004	Dale Cemetery	25.00	-	-	25.00	-	25.00
8005	Mary Anna Hill Library-Principal	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
8006	Dike Library	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
8007	Tredick Library	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
8008	Richardson Library	100.00	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
8009	Trowbridge Library	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
8010	Peyton Library-Principal	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
8011	Best Library	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
8013	Davis Library	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
8014	MacDonald Medal Fund	130.00	-	-	130.00	-	130.00
8015	Trowbridge Scholarship	5,500.00	-	-	5,500.00	-	5,500.00
8016	Sidney A. Hill Welfare Fund-Principal	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
8017	Town Hall Organ Fund	10.00	-	-	10.00	-	10.00
8018	Alice J. Durgin Welfare Fund-Principal	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
8019	Annie Brown Library-Principal	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
8020	Apalakis Library Trust	77,500.00	-	-	77,500.00	-	77,500.00
8021	Harry W. Lister Scholarship	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00	-	100,000.00
	Subtotal Non-Expendable Trust Funds	**1,130,633.18**	**10,525.00**	**-**	**1,141,158.18**	**-**	**1,141,158.18**

Fund Number	Description	Balance 7/1/08	Deposits FY 09	Investment Income FY 09	Total Available	Expended FY 09	Balance 6/30/09
8103	Jones Scholarship	1,324.53	-	109.31	1,433.84	-	1,433.84
8101	Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income	272,191.30	-	35,369.30	307,560.60	58,000.00	249,560.60
8102	Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower-Income	19,880.55	-	1,100.50	20,981.05	1,021.04	19,960.01
8104	Dale Cemetery	589.65	-	20.23	609.88	-	609.88
8105	Mary Anna Hill Library	26,137.73	-	1,023.98	27,161.71	-	27,161.71
8106	Dike Library	9,718.07	-	385.32	10,103.39	2,481.70	7,621.69
8107	Tredick Library	14,968.79	-	541.12	15,509.91	2,893.70	12,616.21
8108	Richardson Library	203.56	-	10.00	213.56	-	213.56
8109	Trowbridge Library	23,804.21	-	936.84	24,741.05	2,231.00	22,510.05
8110	Peyton Library	12,861.69	-	455.85	13,317.54	-	13,317.54
8111	Best Library	3,807.05	-	223.83	4,030.88	-	4,030.88
8112	Marsh Library	54,605.63	-	1,755.82	56,361.45	16,258.24	40,103.21
8113	Davis Library	4,799.39	-	223.57	5,022.96	-	5,022.96
8114	MacDonald Medal Fund	8,391.69	-	280.20	8,671.89	-	8,671.89
8115	Trowbridge Scholarship	765.50	-	206.01	971.51	-	971.51
8203	Qualters Scholarship	32,689.09	-	2,435.17	35,124.26	1,500.00	33,624.26
8204	Best Scholarship Fund	22,439.48	-	704.93	23,144.41	1,000.00	22,144.41
8205	Stockwell Shade Tree	17,927.21	-	589.48	18,516.69	-	18,516.69
8116	Hill Welfare	46,731.43	-	1,635.38	48,366.81	385.00	47,981.81

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Fund Number	Description	Balance 7/1/08	Deposits FY 09	Investment Income FY 09	Total Available	Expended FY 09	Balance 6/30/09
8117	Town Hall Organ Fund	997.70	1,000.00	71.60	2,069.30	1,832.00	237.30
8118	Durgin Welfare	27,360.32	-	932.58	28,292.90	-	28,292.90
8119	Annie Brown Library	38,814.00	-	1,572.58	40,386.58	9,537.93	30,848.65
8206	Stoneham War Memorial	4,179.53	-	137.37	4,316.90	85.00	4,231.90
8207	Helen Wolcott Stockwell Trust (COA)	2,153.91	-	21.86	2,175.77	1,800.00	375.77
8208	Helen Wolcott Stockwell (BOH)	149.88	-	4.91	154.79	-	154.79
8209	Helen Wolcott Stockwell (BOS-ADMIN)	19,102.22	3,500.00	702.85	23,305.07	-	23,305.07
8210	Town Scholarship Fund	7,875.84	183.07	262.94	8,321.85	-	8,321.85
8211	Town Education Fund	7,025.18	241.00	236.46	7,502.64	-	7,502.64
8120	Apalakis Library Trust	42,673.57	-	3,951.73	46,625.30	553.84	46,071.46
8212	Italian Development	41,302.71	15,000.00	1,304.13	57,606.84	44,035.08	13,571.76
8213	Robert O'keefe Trust Fund	4,435.97	125.00	146.90	4,707.87	-	4,707.87
8214	Howard Watson Memorial Scholarship	31,930.70	750.00	1,004.33	33,685.03	2,250.00	31,435.03
8215	Mark Robert Kanchuga Memorial	16,815.73	-	544.61	17,360.34	350.00	17,010.34
8121	Harry W. Lister Scholarship	32,603.09	-	4,332.83	36,935.92	2,000.00	34,935.92
8216	Christopher Molloy Memorial Scholarship	28,556.38	100.00	939.07	29,595.45	-	29,595.45
8217	Stoneham High School Alumni	25,721.89	125.00	829.58	26,676.47	1,500.00	25,176.47
8218	Pauline Caroli Folsom Memorial	6,072.10	3,000.00	121.35	9,193.45	3,000.00	6,193.45
8219	Paul Mannke & Patricia Sullivan Memorial	622.51	-	20.48	642.99	-	642.99
8220	Weiss Family Scholarship	8,050.81	4,000.00	161.62	12,212.43	4,000.00	8,212.43
8221	Patricia A. Hoyt Memorial Scholarship	9,801.19	-	293.84	10,095.03	500.00	9,595.03
8222	Maureen McNulty Scholarhip	168.91	-	5.55	174.46	-	174.46
8223	Joseph A. Viglietti Scholarship	2,963.76	550.00	96.54	3,610.30	500.00	3,110.30
8224	Joseph A. Marion E. Marrone Memorial	166.00	-	5.45	171.45	-	171.45
8225	Arthur J. Rotondi Sr. Mem Scholarship	10,169.03	2,010.00	336.89	12,515.92	1,000.00	11,515.92
8226	Karen Ferretti Adelizzi Memorial Scholar	8,686.00	1,145.00	273.84	10,104.84	1,500.00	8,604.84
8227	Leonard Barbo Family	5,741.90	450.00	191.00	6,382.90	250.00	6,132.90
8228	Edwin T. Casey, Sr. Memorial	47.73	-	1.56	49.29	-	49.29
8229	Elaine P. Cunniff Memorial Scholarship	73,145.42	610.00	2,388.07	76,143.49	500.00	75,643.49
8230	Emily Elizabeth Dunn Mem Scholarship	18,577.48	250.00	601.08	19,428.56	250.00	19,178.56
8231	Paul J. Palermo Sr. Memorial	530.61	-	1.18	531.79	500.00	31.79
8232	Dr. Michael Scarpitto Memorial	4,772.71	1,000.00	162.21	5,934.92	1,000.00	4,934.92
8233	Linda Reinold Sinclair Memorial	2,981.49	1,000.00	84.33	4,065.82	1,000.00	3,065.82
8234	Stoneham Women's Club	21,848.36	-	696.90	22,545.26	500.00	22,045.26
8235	Robert A. Wallace Memorial	6,456.28	-	207.85	6,664.13	500.00	6,164.13
8236	Woburn Court Scholarship	275.93	-	9.04	284.97	-	284.97
8237	Renato A. Paolini Scholarship	5,208.00	-	158.27	5,366.27	500.00	4,866.27
8238	Class of 1982	738.59	500.00	12.26	1,250.85	250.00	1,000.85
8239	Christoper N. Rockwood/C. Comley Scholarship	3,711.04	650.00	127.19	4,488.23	500.00	3,988.23
8240	Mary Ellen Lacey Memorial Scholarship	2,746.44	500.00	66.64	3,313.08	1,000.00	2,313.08
8241	Ruth A. Timpone Scholarship	4,838.06	-	159.10	4,997.16	100.00	4,897.16
8242	Robert Manson Memorial	763.92	2,000.00	75.04	2,838.96	1,500.00	1,338.96
8243	Stoneham Savings Bank	85.70	-	2.83	88.53	-	88.53
8244	McKeown Scholarship Fund	2,298.15	-	75.58	2,373.73	-	2,373.73

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Fund Number	Description	Balance 7/1/08	Deposits FY 09	Investment Income FY 09	Total Available	Expended FY 09	Balance 6/30/09
8245	Kelly Conlon Memorial	1,626.45	-	27.15	1,653.60	1,000.00	653.60
8246	Class of 1945 Scholarship	39.18	-	1.29	40.47	-	40.47
8247	John Pul Carbone Memorial	118.43	-	3.90	122.33	-	122.33
8248	Class of 1972	903.68	500.00	16.66	1,420.34	500.00	920.34
8249	Betty Rand Church Memorial Scholarship	21,784.87	-	677.35	22,462.22	1,500.00	20,962.22
8250	Pierre "Bo" Erhard Memorial	787.31	-	25.91	813.22	-	813.22
8251	Daniel W. Hogan, Jr. Scholarship	16,424.87	238.00	521.15	17,184.02	700.00	16,484.02
8252	Bob & Miriam Margarita Scholarship	-	3,570.00	22.34	3,592.34	-	3,592.34
8253	Inez K. Woodberry Scholarship	-	1,000.00	6.12	1,006.12	-	1,006.12
8202	Health Trust Fund	13,051.54	-	429.21	13,480.75	-	13,480.75
8200	Stabilization Fund	1,539,662.53	1,358,312.00	50,551.92	2,948,526.45	1,714,631.00	1,233,895.45
8201	Conservation Fund-Ford Foundation	1,945.44	-	63.96	2,009.40	-	2,009.40
8300	Capital Stabilization Fund	-	500,000.00	1,994.71	501,994.71		501,994.71
	Subtotal Expendable Trust Funds	**2,703,347.59**	**1,902,309.07**	**125,680.53**	**4,731,337.19**	**1,886,895.53**	**2,844,441.66**
	Trust Fund Grand Total	**3,833,980.77**	**1,912,834.07**	**125,680.53**	**5,872,495.37**	**1,886,895.53**	**3,985,599.84**

To the residents of the Town of Stoneham

It seems each year when I give the residents an Annual Report of the Town Clerk's Office that I report on the increased workload, 2009 was no exception.

In July, Governor Patrick signed into law Chapter 28 of the Acts 2009 which made important changes to MGL Chapter 268A and Chapter 268B, the State's Conflict of Interest Law and the State Ethics Commission's Enabling Act. All employees, boards and committees were issued packets to complete and returned to this office. In summary, this NEW law REQUIRES mandatory "Online Training Program" by all Stoneham municipal employees, boards and committees. All receipts of the training will be kept on file in this office, and then this exercise has to be repeated every two years by all the above.

As of January 1, 2010, new Campaign Finance must also be adhered to. Regarding local elections, the Town Clerk must publish information on the Town website pertaining to any candidate that has $1,000.00 or more in assets or liabilities.

The third law to change will be "Open Meeting" which takes effect in July, 2010. My understanding is that more and more functions will be sent to the local level and town/city clerks will be responsible for anything thereto.

The Annual Town Election voter turnout was the lowest in modern times; 988 voters came to the polls to exercise their right to vote. The Board of Health race ended with each candidate receiving 483 votes a piece; there were 22 blanks for a total of 988. A recount was requested by both candidates, following the legal process, the challenger, Ernest Paul Sacco was declared the winner by one (1) vote and was sworn in for a three year term as a member of the Board of Health.

Because of the death of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, the election process was set in the Commonwealth for his replacement. A Special State Primary Election was called for on December 8, 2009. A total of 3110 Democrats, 724 Republicans, and 1 Libertarian voted; Martha Coakley won on the Democratic ticket, Scott Brown won on the Republican ticket and will go head-to-head in the Special Election on January 19, 2010.

On January 19, 2010, a total of 9190 voters came to the polls and braved the cold, snowy day. The winner in Stoneham as well as the entire state was Scott Brown.

Vital records totals for the Town of Stoneham in 2009 were: Births; 243: Deaths; 239 and Marriages: 117.

Total roster of registered voters in the Town is as follows:
Unenrolled – 8027; Democrats – 5299; Republicans; - 1623; all other parties; - 67:
Total 15,016

I want to thank my staff, Maria Sagarino, Carolyn Auriemma, Michele Collins, Michelle Meagher and Sandra Snyder for their professionalism and attentiveness while attending to the tremendous work load throughout the year in a limited amount of hours.

As always, I am proud to say I describe my Office as: Productive, Busy, Efficient, but most of all great "Team Work". Good work ethics are always encouraged, and will remain at the forefront, while maintaining the integrity of the Office, and acting in the best interest of the Town. Again we look forward to serving you in 2010.

Sincerely,

John J. Hanright, Town Clerk

2009 Town Clerk Revenues Collected

Description	Transactions	Amount
Birth Certificate - Amended	1	$30.00
Birth Certificate - Correction	1	$30.00
Birth Certificate	1681	$16,810.00
Business Cert. - Cert. Copy	3	$15.00
Business Cert. - Change	5	$50.00
By-Law Violation - $100	14	$1,400.00
By-Law Violation - $200	3	$600.00
By-Law Violation - $25.	5	$125.00
By-Law Violation - $300	2	$600.00
By-Law Violation - $40	3	$120.00
By-Law Violation - $50	3	$150.00
Certification Ltr. - BOA	20	$200.00
Certification Ltr. - BOS	1	$10.00
Certification Ltr. - PB	7	$70.00
Copies @ .50	261	$130.50
Death Certificates	835	$8,350.00
Dog License	63	$945.00
Dog License - Spay/Neutered	958	$9,580.00
Dog Late Fee - 25.00	74	$1,850.00
Dog Late Fee - 1.00	5	$5.00
Dog List - 25.00	4	$100.00
Gasoline Storage Permit	16	$1,200.00
Kennel License	12	$300.00
Marriage Certificates	179	$1,790.00
Marriage License - Correction	2	$20.00
Notary Fees - Swearing In	53	$795.00
Parking Permits - 150.00	78	$11,700.00
Parking Permits - 20.00	85	$1,700.00
Parking Permits - 5.00	51	$255.00
Parking Permits - 60.00	45	$2,700.00
Passport Fees - Applications	1035	$25,875.00
Passport Photo	460	$4,600.00
Physician Registration	92	$4,600.00
Raffle Permit	5	$50.00
Street List	9	$225.00
Utilities	1	$75.00
Voter List on Disk	1	$100.00
Voter Registration Card	1	$5.00
Zoning Map - 10.00	12	$120.00
Zoning Map - 25.00	1	$25.00
Totals	**6348**	**$106,635.50**

Annual Town Election April 7, 2009								
Board of Selectman - Vote for 2								
Precincts	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**Total**
Blanks	82	117	86	60	114	94	99	652
Robert W. Sweeney	77	109	90	72	127	94	91	660
R. Paul Rotondi	73	95	90	75	115	98	93	639
Write-ins	4	3	6	1	6	0	5	25
Totals	236	324	272	208	362	286	288	1976
								1976

Library Trustees _ Vote for 2								
Precincts	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**Total**
Blanks	91	107	78	69	118	88	96	647
Jane F. Francis	73	108	98	69	120	103	99	670
Catherine DiDonato	72	108	95	70	124	95	93	657
Write-ins	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	236	324	272	208	362	286	288	1976
								1976

Board of Assessors - Vote for 1								
Precincts	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**Total**
Blanks	38	51	38	26	64	45	41	303
Craig J. Celli	80	111	97	78	116	98	103	683
Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Totals	118	162	136	104	181	143	144	988
								988

Constables - Vote for 3								
Precincts	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**Total**
Blanks	131	134	102	83	150	132	115	847
Robert E. Moreira	76	107	94	63	114	77	92	623
Fredric Kranefuss	58	91	72	60	106	66	89	542
Robert W. Nardone	57	94	82	67	99	93	86	578
Brian M. Johnston	32	60	56	39	74	61	50	372
Write-ins	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Total	354	486	408	312	543	429	432	2964
								2964

Board of Health - Vote for 1								
Precincts	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**Total**
Blanks	3	4	3	1	2	6	3	22
John J. Scullin	69	74	78	41	105	46	70	483
Ernest P. Sacco	46	84	55	62	74	91	71	483
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	118	162	136	104	181	143	144	988
								988

Annual Town Election April 7, 2009								
School Committee - Vote for 2								
Precincts	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**Total**
Blanks	97	129	101	72	141	113	108	761
Marie T. Christie	67	93	80	64	101	86	92	583
Shawn McCarthy	72	102	90	72	120	87	87	630
Write-ins	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Totals	236	324	272	208	362	286	288	1976
								1976

Moderator - Vote for 1								
Precincts	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**Total**
Blanks	50	60	47	39	79	49	63	387
Michael J. Rotondi	66	102	89	65	99	93	80	594
Write-ins	2	0	0	0	3	1	1	7
Totals	118	162	136	104	181	143	144	988
								988

Housing Authority - Vote for 1								
Precincts	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**Total**
Blanks	45	54	32	29	49	46	48	303
Edward J. Pinato	72	108	102	74	132	97	96	681
Write-ins	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	4
Totals	118	162	136	104	181	143	144	988
								988

Planning Board - Vote for 1								
Precincts	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**Total**
Blanks	45	46	35	28	55	46	38	293
Kevin Dolan	72	115	100	76	125	96	106	690
Write-ins	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	5
Totals	118	162	136	104	181	143	144	988
								988

Board of Health Recount Results								
Precincts	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**Total**
Blanks	3	3	3	1	2	6	3	**21**
John J. Scullin	69	74	78	41	105	46	70	483
Ernest P. Sacco	46	85	55	62	74	91	71	**484**
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	118	162	136	104	181	143	144	988

Minutes for Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street,** on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of this warrant:

Article 1. To choose the following officers:

Two (2) Selectmen for three (3) years.

Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years.

One (1) Board of Assessors Member for three (3) years.

Three (3) Constables for three (3)years.

One (1) Board of Health Member for three (3) years.

Two (2) School Committee Members for three (3) years

One (1) Town Moderator for two (2) years.

One (1) Housing Authority Member for five (5) years.

One (1) Planning Board Member for five (5) years.

All on one ballot.

The polls for the Annual Town Election shall be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting shall be adjourned to meet in the **Town Hall** at 7:00 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 4, 2009, in accordance with provisions of Article II, section 2-3 of the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 264 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:14PM. Moderator Rotondi thanked Bruce Netten for playing the organ. Michael acknowledged Daniel Towse and brought attention to him being placed on the cover of the Town Meeting

booklet as well as the Annual Report. Richard Gregorio said a few words in appreciation of all that Dan Towse has done for the Town.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. **Voted** that the Town choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Passes Unanimous

Article 3. To hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. **Voted** that The Town hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Passes Unanimous

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. **Voted** that the Town fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2009/2010 fiscal year

Town Moderator	$200
Board of Assessors	$1,200
Board of Selectmen	$3,000
Town Clerk	$62,000

Passes Unanimous

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15 Zoning By-Laws, as follows:

1. Adding Section 4.17– Stoneham Arena and Stoneham Oaks Par 3 Golf Course Overlay District

By adding as Section 4.17 a Stoneham Arena and Stoneham Oaks Par 3 Golf Course Overlay District to allow for the as-of-right use of property in said Overlay District for any sports and/or recreational use, and related business, office, retail, promotional, parking, vehicle and pedestrian access, and accessory uses.

The dimensional requirements for the Stoneham Arena and Stoneham Oaks Par 3 Golf Course Overlay District shall be as follows:

Minimum Lot Size in Square Feet – 40,000
Frontage and Lot Width in Feet – None Required
Percent Coverage – No limitation.
Minimum Setback in Feet – Front – 40; Side – 20; and Rear – 20
(No setback required where abutting property owned by the Town of Stoneham.)
Height in Feet - 40

The parking requirement shall be one for every four hundred fifty square feet of gross floor area, however, no parking shall be required for the use of any portion of the sports facility that is made available for use by the public. The dimensional and parking requirements set out herein are subject to change in the motion for this article.

If any section of Section 4.17 or portion thereof is declared invalid it shall not affect the validity or application of the remainder of the bylaw.

2. Amending the Town of Stoneham Zoning Map

By amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Stoneham by adding the area of the Stoneham Arena and all or a portion of the Stoneham Oaks Par 3 Golf Course to the Stoneham Arena and Stoneham Oaks Par 3 Golf Course Overlay District:

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. **Voted** that the subject matter of Article No. 5 be indefinitely postponed.

Passes Unanimous

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to fund the costs associated with the expansion, reconstruction and improvements to the Stoneham Arena, 101 Montvale Avenue, including, but not limited to, the build-out of office space, locker rooms, and
accessory requirements, and also including supporting parking spaces, vehicle and pedestrian access at the Stoneham Arena and on a portion of the Stoneham Oaks Par Three Golf Course, 101R Montvale Avenue, and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow under Chapter 44 of the Mass. General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator are authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. **Voted** that the subject matter of Article No. 6 be indefinitely postponed.

Passes Unanimous

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to: (1) authorize the Town Administrator to lease for a period of up to twenty-five (25) years: (i) a portion of the Unicorn Arena, 101 Montvale Avenue, as currently constructed and hereafter expanded and renovated, and (ii) a portion of the southerly part of the Stoneham Oaks Par 3 Golf Course (101R Montvale Avenue) for uses, including, but not limited to, sports and/or recreational uses, and related business, office, retail, promotional, parking and vehicle and pedestrian access, and accessory uses; and (2) authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to transfer any parcel or parcels of land dedicated or otherwise being used for general municipal purposes or other non-park or non-conservation purposes) to recreation, conservation or other natural resource land purposes. And to further see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court (State Legislature) to authorize the lease of a portion of the Unicorn Arena and Stoneham Oaks Par 3 Golf Course, as described above, notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary or the provisions of Amended Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. **Voted** that the subject matter of Article No. 7 be indefinitely postponed.

Passes Unanimous

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to fund the costs associated with the design and construction of a practice and training facility, including a driving range, a club house, supporting parking lot, vehicle and pedestrian access, and accessory requirements, at the location of the current Stoneham Oaks Par 3 Golf Course (101R Montvale Avenue), and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow under Chapter 44 of the Mass. General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator are authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. **Voted** that the subject matter of Article No. 8 be indefinitely postponed.

Passes Unanimous

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 13, Streets and Sidewalks, by adding a new Section 13-13, regulating printed material vending machines (e.g. newsracks, newspaper boxes, advertiser boxes, etc.) on Town owned or controlled property, including public ways, including, but not limited to provisions and requirements regarding: permitting process, applications; review process; certificates and certificates of compliance; fees; allowed and/or authorized and unauthorized locations; type, size, number, and manner of placement of printed material vending machine boxes or other equipment authorized or otherwise permitted; additional standards, including attachment(s), clearance, installation, usage, maintenance, safety, and appearance; prohibitions and/or limits on advertising unrelated to the display or sale of the publication; compliance review and requirements; insurance and indemnification; removal; abandonment; fines and penalties, including non-criminal disposition enforcement and fines (including the amendment of Chapter 1, Section 1-4A of the Stoneham Town Code "Non-Criminal Disposition" to include said non-criminal disposition subjects, enforcing person(s) and fines); process and fees for removal and storage by or on behalf of the Town; promulgation of regulations pursuant to the bylaw by the Town Administrator; effective date; and severability. And further to address as necessary in the same bylaw or another Section in said Chapter 13, the regulation, process and requirements regarding any other structure, equipment or street "furniture" on public property, including public ways, to the extent deemed relevant by the Town to the regulation of printed material vending machines.

Or to do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. **Voted** that the Town Amend the Stoneham Town Code by adding a new Section 13-13, as follows:

Sec. 13-13 Printed Material Vending Machines

Section 13-13.1 Definitions

When used in this section the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Certificate holder means the holder of a Certificate of Compliance issued by the Superintendent of Public Works (or the successor officer within the Town of Stoneham) (hereinafter also referred to as the "Superintendent") in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Certificate of Compliance means the certificate issued by the Superintendent on a yearly basis to the certificate holder upon successful completion of the application process each year.

Operator means any natural person or other legal entity including, but not limited to, corporations, partnerships, joint ventures and the like who either own, operate or are otherwise in control of a newsrack located in or on a public way in the Town of Stoneham.

Printed Material Vending Machine means any typed of unmanned device for the vending or free distribution of newspapers, periodicals or printed material of whatever nature located in or on a public way.

Printed Material Vending Machine Sticker means a sequentially numbered sticker issued by the Superintendent for placement on individual Printed Material Vending Machines in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Public Way means any public way or way which the clerk of the Town certifies is maintained and used as a public way, or a way or sidewalk dedicated to public use.

Superintendent means the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Stoneham, or such person as said Superintendent may delegate.

Section 13-13.2 Certificate of Compliance

a. Requirement. No personal shall affix, erect, construct or maintain a Printed Material Vending Machine in or on any part of a public way without first obtaining a yearly Certificate of Compliance from the Superintendent in accordance with the provisions of this section. Only one annual Certificate of Compliance per publication shall be required.

b. Application Process. Each operator of a Printed Material Vending Machine who intends to place a Printed Material Vending Machine in or on any part of the public way must complete a written application on a yearly basis on a form provided by the Superintendent.

c. Application. The application shall describe in detail the location of each Printed Material Vending Machine and be accompanied by a sketch or photograph of each newsrack location showing compliance with the standards set forth in this Section 13-13.2(c) and indicating the distance, in feet, of the Printed Material Vending Machine from curbs, crosswalks, fire hydrants, street lights, trash receptacles, traffic signal equipment, bike racks, and mail boxes within a twenty-foot radius of the newsrack. The application sketch or photograph must also demonstrate that the placement of the newsrack is in compliance with the regulations of the State Architectural Access Board, 521 CMR, and will not reduce the clear space for the passage of pedestrians to less than four (4′) feet. The applications shall also include:

1. The name and address, telephone number, and email address of the applicant who is the operator of the newsrack(s);

2. The name, address, telephone number and email address of a natural person (if different from the applicant) who the Town many notify and/or contact at any time concerning the operator/applicant's Printed Material Vending Machine(s);

3. A certificate of insurance naming the Town of Stoneham as an additional insured in an amount established by the Superintendent as sufficient to indemnify the Town and hold it harmless from any and all claims or judgments for personal injury, including death, or property damage from costs and expenses to which the Town may be subject or which it may suffer or incur by reason of the design, placement, installation, operation or maintenance of any of the applicant/operator's Printed Material Vending Machine(s); and

4. A signed statement indicating whether notice regarding Printed Material Vending Machines may be sent by electronic mail.

d. Issuance of Certificate of Compliance. Each year, within thirty (30) days of the submission of a completed application, upon a finding that the applicant is in compliance with the provisions of the section, the Superintendent shall issue a Certificate of Compliance. Included with the Certificate of Compliance shall be an appropriate number of sequentially numbered Printed Material Vending Machine stickers. Each sticker shall correspond with a specific Printed Material Vending Machine, the location of which had been approved as part of the application process. Only those Printed Material Vending Machine(s) that have been issued a sticker in conjunction with the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance shall be deemed approved. The Superintendent shall approve proposed locations on a first come first serve basis. No preference shall be given to operators who may have had Printed Material Vending Machine in a particular location prior to the effective date of this section. No publication shall be approved for more than one (1) Printed Material Vending Machine at any particular location.

e. Denial of Certificate of Compliance. If an application for a Certificate of Compliance is denied in whole or in part, the Superintendent shall state the specific reasons for denial. The Superintendent shall assist the applicant in determining reasonable alternative locations to those which were denied. Any applicant who has been denied a Certificate of Compliance may appeal such denial to the Superintendent by submitting a written request for such a hearing to the Superintendent within thirty (30) days of said denial. Such hearing shall be heard by the Superintendent or his/her designee within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the written appeal. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall issue a decision within ten (10) days of the close of said hearing.

f. Fees for Certificate of Compliance. The initial application fee for each yearly Certificate of Compliance shall be One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) dollars plus twenty-five ($25.00) dollars per Printed Material Vending Machine covered under said Certificate of Compliance to partially cover administrative costs.

g. *Amending Certificate of Compliance.* If within the applicable year after the Superintendent has issued a Certificate of Compliance the certificate holder wishes to install additional Printed Material Vending Machine(s), beyond those which have been approved under Section 13-13.2(d) above, the certificate holder must submit an application to amend the Certificate of Compliance. Only the twenty-five ($25.00) dollars per newsrack fee shall apply to such amendments.

Section 13-13.3 Installation

a. *Stickers.* Each Printed Material Vending Machine shall prominently display the Printed Material Vending Machine sticker issued by the Superintendent pursuant to the provisions of Section 13-13.2(d). The sticker must be adhered to the specifically designated Printed Material Vending Machine.

b. *Standards.* Any Printed Material Vending Machine placed in any part of the public way shall be:

1. Made of metal, plastic or an equivalent sturdy material approved by the Superintendent, with a clear window through which the printed material is dispensed, and shall not be more than fifty (50″) inches in height and not more than thirty-two (32″) inches in length and width;

2. Sufficiently weighted and secured so as not to be easily moved or tipped over; and

3. Completely enclosed, with a self-closing door that is either self-latching or otherwise requires manual or mechanical release at each use.

c. *Placement.* Placement of any Printed Material Vending Machines must be done in accordance with the regulations of the Architectural Access Board, 521 CMR, and subject to the following prohibitions. Any Printed Material Vending Machine placed near the travelled portion of a public way shall be placed parallel to and not less than eighteen inches (18″) nor more than twenty-four inches (24″) from the edge of the curb. Any Printed Material Vending Machine placed near a building or structure must be placed parallel to and not more than six inches (6″) from the wall. Printed Material Vending Machines shall not be placed:

1. At any location whereby the clear space for pedestrian passage is reduced to less than four feet (4′);

2. Within five feet (5′) of any marked or unmarked crosswalk;

3. Within five feet (5′) of any fire hydrant, fire lane, fire call box, or other emergency facility;

4. Within five feet (5′) of any traffic control signal or traffic sign;

5. Within five feet (5′) of any mailbox, bicycle rack, Town trash receptacle, telephone booth or stand;

6. Within five feet (5′) of any part of a curb return of a curb ramp or driveway, or in the case of a curb ramp or driveway without a curb return, within five feet (5′) of the point where the curb edgestone or edging begins a change in grade toward the driveway or ramp on each side thereof, or in the case of a termination of the curb, edgestone or edging without a change in grade or a turn, within five feet (5′) of the point of the same terminates on each side of the ramp or driveway;

7. Within five feet (5′) of the front or fifteen feet (15′) to the rear of any designated bus stop, taxi stand, valet parking area, loading zone or fire lane;

8. In any manner which protrudes onto a street or interferes or hinders Town removal of snow, ice, and debris from the streets and sidewalks; or

9. In a manner which otherwise endangers the public safety, such as by projecting onto, into, or over any part of the roadway of any public street or by reason of its being located in such a manner as to unreasonably interfere with or impede the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, sidewalk or street cleaning and/or snow removal, and the ingress or egress from any residence, place of business or any legally parked or stopped vehicle.

Should circumstances require relief from a placement provision set forth above, the Superintendent shall have the discretion to grant relief upon a sufficient demonstration of good cause or actual hardship by the certificate holder.

d. *Attachment to Property.* No operator shall chain or otherwise attach any newsrack to any other newsrack, tree, street light post, traffic signal or sign, or other Town infrastructure in the public way.

e. Groupings of Printed Material Vending Machines. Printed Material Vending Machines may be grouped together side-by-side, provided that no group of Printed Material Vending Machines extends beyond ten feet (10′) along a curb, and a space of not less than five feet (5′) separates each group of Printed Material Vending Machines. Notwithstanding this permissible grouping, no newsrack may be grouped with any other newsrack unless such location has been approved pursuant to Section 13-13.2 (c) and (d).

f. *Advertising prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person to use a newsrack for advertising or publicity purposes other than dealing with the display, sale or purchase of the publications dispensed therein.

Section 13-13.4 Maintenance

a. Condition. Each Printed Material Vending Machine shall be maintained in a state of good repair and in a neat and clean condition, and free of accumulations of outdated printed materials, trash, rubbish, or debris.

b. Service. Each Printed Material Vending Machine shall be regularly serviced so that:

1. It is kept reasonably free of graffiti;

2. It is kept reasonably free of chipped, faded, peeling and cracked paint or rust and corrosion;

3. The clear plastic window through which the printed material is dispensed is not broken and is kept reasonably free of tears, peeling or fading; and

4. The structural parts of the newsrack are not broken or unduly misshapen.

Section 13-13.5 Enforcement

a. Nonconforming Printed Material Vending Machines. Any Printed Material Vending Machine found not be in compliance with this section shall be subject to the enforcement provisions contained herein.

b. Enforcement. The Superintendent shall enforce the provisions of this chapter and shall have the authority to issue regulations for the purpose of enforcement.

1. Upon a determination that a Printed Material Vending Machine placed in any part of a public way is in violation of this bylaw and the Superintendent has no record on file of a Certificate of Compliance for said Printed Material Vending Machine, the Superintendent shall attempt to send written notice, by certified mail, to the party thought to be the owner of the Printed Material Vending Machine and to the party thought to be the publisher of the printed material. If no application for a Certificate of Compliance is received in response received by the Superintendent within twenty-one (21) days of the date of said written notice, the Superintendent may remove said Printed Material Vending Machine.

2. Upon a determination that a Printed Material Vending Machine having a Certificate of Compliance is otherwise in violation of Section 13-13.3 or Section 13-13.4 of this Bylaw, the Superintendent shall send written notice, by certified mail, to the Certificate Holder. If the certificate holder has agreed, such notice shall be sent by electronic mail. Such notice shall include:

   (a) The newsrack sticker number and location;

(b) The date of the incident or other cause giving rise to the violation;

(c) A brief and concise statement of the facts causing the violation; and

(d) A statement informing the certificate holder that at the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date the notice is received the Printed Material Vending Machine is subject to be removed by the Superintendent, unless the violation is corrected.

3. Upon removal of any Printed Material Vending Machine pursuant to this Bylaw, the Superintendent shall within seven (7) business days of said removal, send written notice to the Certificate Holder (in the event there is a Certificate Holder). If the certificate holder has agreed, such notice shall be sent by electronic mail, otherwise such notice shall be sent by certified mail. In the event there is no Certificate Holder for said Printed Vending Machine, the Superintendent shall attempt to send said written notice to the party thought to be the owner of the Printed Material Vending Machine and to the party thought to be the publisher of the printed material.

4. Any person aggrieved by a notice sent pursuant to Section 13-13.5(b)(1) (2) or (3) may appeal such action to the Superintendent by submitting a written request for such a hearing to the Superintendent. Such hearing shall be heard by the Superintendent or his/her designee within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the written appeal. The Superintendent and/or his/her designee shall issue a decision within ten (10) days of the close of the hearing.

5. When the Superintendent determines that removal of a Printed Material Vending Machine is required to prevent an imminent threat to public safety, the Superintendent may remove such Printed Material Vending Machine immediately and shall provide (or attempt to provide) notice as soon as practicable, but in no event later than as set out in Section 13-13.4(b)(3).

6. Any Printed Material Vending Machine removed pursuant to this Section 13-13.5 shall be stored for at least thirty (30) days, and may thereafter be disposed of by the Town.

c. *Penalty for Violations.* Violations of this bylaw may be enforced by the Superintendent of Public Works or by any police officer, pursuant to Section 1-4 of these Bylaws. This bylaw may also be enforced by non-criminal disposition in the manner provided by Section 1-4A of these Bylaws, by said Superintendent of Public Works or by any police officer. The specific non-criminal disposition penalty that shall apply to a violation of this bylaw shall be as follows:

First Offense (within a twenty-four month period) - $50.00

Second Offense (within a twenty-four month period) - $100.00

Third Offense and subsequent offenses (within a twenty-four month period) - $300.00

Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 13-13.6 Abandonment

a. *Abandonment.* The following Printed Material Vending Machines properly installed pursuant to this bylaw shall be deemed abandoned if no printed material being dispensed therein is found for a period of more than fifteen (15) days.

b. *Notice and Renewal.* Upon determination that a newsrack is abandoned pursuant to Section 13.13.6(a) above, the Superintendent shall send notice to the individual provided pursuant to Section 13-13.2(c), informing the certificate holder that the Printed Material Vending Machine(s) shall be removed in fourteen (14) days, unless the certificate holder informs the Superintendent that the newsrack is not abandoned and stocks the newsrack with material to be dispensed therein.

c. *Voluntary abandonment.* In the event that a certificate holder voluntarily abandons a newsrack location, the certificate holder shall so notify the Superintendent, completely remove the newsrack and restore the public way to a safe condition.

Section 13-13.7 Fees

a. A Printed Material Vending Machine removed pursuant to this Bylaw may be retrieved by the certificate holder (or lawful owner in the event there is no certificate holder) at any time prior to its disposal by the Town (which shall be no earlier than thirty (30) days from the date of its removal) upon payment of a removal fee of fifty ($50.00) dollars plus a storage fee of ten ($10.00) dollars per day, to a maximum combined removal and storage fee of two hundred ($200.00) dollars per Printed Material Vending Machine.

b. After thirty (30) days, any Printed Material Vending Machine removed by the Superintendent pursuant to Section 13-13.5 shall be deemed "abandoned property" and become property of the Town of Stoneham.

c. Failure of a certificate holder to retrieve a newsrack shall not operate to dismiss any fees owed to the Town of Stoneham for removal and storage of such newsrack.

Section 13-13.8 Effect on Other Laws

Nothing in this section shall affect the adoption of laws, bylaws or regulations affecting Printed Material Vending Machine pursuant to other applicable law or by other governmental entities, including within the Town of Stoneham, to the extent so authorized to adopt such laws, bylaws or regulations.

Section 13-13.9 Severability

The provisions of this Bylaw shall be severable and if any section, part, or portion hereof shall be held invalid for any purpose by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any remaining section, part or portion thereof.

Section 13-13.10 Initial Application Acceptance Date

The Superintendent shall send written notice to all operators affected by this section informing them of the date when the Superintendent will accept the first applications for Certificates of Compliance. The Superintendent shall send said notice at least sixty (60) days prior to the initial application acceptance date.

Section 13-13.11 Effective Date

This bylaw shall not take effect until ninety (90) days after approval by the Attorney General's Office, unless otherwise required by law.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator
***Sent to Attorney General May 20, 2009 - Approved August 20, 2009.**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law, by deleting Section 4.2.2.2(c) and substituting the following:

Section 4.2.2.2

(c) One accessory building subject to the following restrictions:

1. Located in the rear yard or to rear of required front setback and behind actual setback line or structure;
2. Maximum gross floor area one hundred thirty (130) square feet with side and rear setbacks of five (5) feet; provided that the structure is a minimum of ten (10) feet from any abutting principal use or detached garage;

3. Maximum gross floor area of two hundred fifty (250) square feet provided that the accessory building complies with the minimum setback requirements for the district contained in Section 5.2.1;
4. Maximum height of fifteen (15) feet.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Planning Board

Article 10. **Voted** that the Town to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law, by deleting Section 4.2.2.2(c) and substituting the following:

Section 4.2.2.2

(d) One accessory building subject to the following restrictions:

1. Located in the rear yard or to rear of required front setback and behind actual setback line or structure;
2. Maximum gross floor area one hundred thirty (130) square feet with side and rear setbacks of five (5) feet; provided that the structure is a minimum of ten (10) feet from any abutting principal use or detached garage;
3. Maximum gross floor area of two hundred fifty (250) square feet provided that the accessory building complies with the minimum setback requirements for the district contained in Section 5.2.1;
4. Maximum height of fifteen (15) feet.

⅔ Vote Required
Unanimous

***Sent to Attorney General May 20, 2009 – Approved August 20, 2009.**

Moderator Rotondi explained to the Town Meeting body that he is the person who appoints members to the Bike Path Committee as well as a relative of an abutter to the bike path which is the subject matter of Articles 11 & 12. Although Town Counsel and the State Ethics Commission said that he did not have to step down as Moderator, Mr. Rotondi felt more comfortable stepping down for these articles.

Motion was made for John Bowen, 5 Harrison Street to act as Temporary Moderator for Articles 11 & 12. Motion Passed and Mr. Rotondi turned the gavel over to Mr. Bowen.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15 Zoning By-Laws, as follows:

1. Adding Section 4.18– Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District

By adding as Section 4.18 a Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District to allow for the temporary use of the former Railroad Right-of-Way for business uses for a period of time no longer than the earlier of the following: (i) the commencement of construction of the former Railroad Right-of-Way as
a bikeway or linear park, or (ii) June 30, 2014 or such other date as specified in the motion for this Article.

The Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District confers additional land use options and does not eliminate or alter zoning rights permitted in the underlying zoning district. All of the uses and accessory uses allowed in the Business District, Central Business District, Highway Business District, Commercial District I, and Medical/Office District, regardless of whether any such uses or accessory uses required a Special Permit or other approval in said zoning district, shall be allowed in the Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District, other than the following uses: (i) automobile repair services and (ii) gasoline station or other service establishment for the retail distribution of petroleum products. The motion for this Article and Section 4.18 shall address whether said uses and accessory uses will be permitted as-of-right or will require Site Plan approval from the Board of Selectmen in the Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District.

Section 4.18 shall allow temporary structures which shall be defined in said Section 4.18 in the same manner as a "structure" is currently defined in Section 2.1.79 of the Zoning Bylaws, but with a time limit no greater than that allowed for the temporary use authorized pursuant to said Section 4.18 as described above. [See also M.G.L. C.40, Sec. 54A]

There shall be no frontage or minimum lot size for any temporary structure placed on property located in the Railroad Right-of-Way District pursuant to Section 4.18. Minimum front, rear and side-yard setback requirements of no less than five (5) feet shall be set out in Section 4.18, except that there shall be no setback requirement if the property abutting the subject lot line is owned by the same person or entity that is using the property in the Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District. The maximum height of any temporary structure shall be twenty (20) feet, as provided for in the current Recreation/Open Space District. A limit on maximum lot coverage, if any, shall be setout in the motion for this Article.

Section 4.18 shall provide that the Performance Standards of Section 6.8 of the Zoning Bylaws shall be applicable, and shall provide or otherwise reference that, if applicable, the Site Plan granting authority may require that a buffer shall be provided along the property line of the subject property in the Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District where said property abuts a residential use.

Section 4.18 shall provide that the subject property in the Railroad Right-of-Way District shall not be used in calculating or otherwise complying with the frontage, lot size, percent lot coverage or setback requirements of any abutting property.

Section 4.18 shall have a parking requirement that any temporary structure in excess of seven hundred fifty (750) square feet of gross floor area shall have one (1) parking space for every seven hundred fifty (750) square feet of gross floor area.

If any section of Section 4.18 or portion thereof is declared invalid it shall not affect the validity or application of the remainder of the bylaw.

2. Amend the Town of Stoneham Zoning Map

By amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Stoneham by adding the following portions of the former Railroad Right-of-Way to the Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District:

(i) Approximately 6599 linear feet of railroad right-of-way, being shown on plans 128L, 128R, 129L and 129R in plan book 442C on file at the Middlesex South

District Registry with accompanying instrument recorded in book 13117, page 113 of December 27, 1976, and further described as follows:

Parcel 1: Beginning at the northerly sideline of Maple Street, a public way, and running northeasterly approximately 1070 feet to station 60 + 28.3, said portion being 41.25 feet in width. Thence continuing in a northeasterly direction from station 60 + 28.3, approximately 510 feet to the

southerly sideline of Montvale Avenue, a public way, said portion currently shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as commercial land being 33.00 feet in width.

Parcel 2: Beginning at a northerly sideline of the aforementioned Montvale Avenue and running northeasterly approximately 820 feet to the southerly sideline of Cottage Street, a public way, said portion currently shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as commercial land being 49.50 and 54.50 feet in width; and including a triangular area bounded on the north by the southerly sideline of Lindenwood Road, a public way, on the west by the easterly sideline of Cottage Street, a public way, and on the east by land now or formerly of Bradford currently shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as residence B land.

Parcel 3: Beginning at the northerly sideline of the aforementioned Lindenwood Road and running northeasterly approximately 730 feet to the westerly sideline of William Street, a public way, said portion currently shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as highway business being of variable widths of approximately 50 feet.

Parcel 4: Beginning at the north easterly sideline of the aforementioned William Street and running northeasterly approximately 225 feet to the westerly sideline of Main Street, Route 28, a state highway, said portion shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as highway business land being 49.50 feet in width.

Parcel 5: Beginning at the easterly sideline of Central Street, a public way, and running in a southeasterly direction approximately 1,570 feet to the northerly sideline of Pomeworth Street, a public way, approximately 788 feet of said portion shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as
commercial land and the remaining portion, approximately 782 feet shown on the zoning map of the town of Stoneham as residence B land and being 49.50 feet in width.

Parcel 6: Beginning at the southerly sideline of the aforementioned Pomeworth Street and running southerly approximately 780 feet to the northerly sideline of Pleasant Street, a public way, said portion shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as commercial land and being of variable width of approximately 50 feet.

Parcel 7: Beginning at the southerly sideline of the aforementioned Pleasant Street and running southwesterly approximately 340 feet to the northerly sideline of Gould Street, a public way, said portion shown on the zoning map as commercial and being 49.50 feet in width.

Said parcels 1 through 7 containing a total area of 302,550 square feet, more or less and meaning to include herein all property now (or previously) owned by the (MBTA) along the railroad right-of-way between Maple Street and the end of Gould Street in Stoneham, Massachusetts.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. **Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15 Zoning By-Laws, as follows:

Part I. ***Adding Section 4.18– Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District:***

Section 4.18 Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District

4.18.1 *Purpose*: To allow for the temporary use of a portion of the former Railroad Right-of-Way as described in Section III below, for business uses as described in Section 4.18.2 below for a period of time no longer than the earlier of the following: (i) the commencement of construction of the former Railroad Right-of-Way as a bikeway, linear park, or other recreation area, or (ii) June 30, 2014. The Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District confers additional land use options and does not eliminate or alter zoning rights permitted in the underlying zoning district.

4.18.2 Uses Permitted As Of Right

4.18.2.1 All of the uses and accessory uses allowed in the Business District, Central Business District, Highway Business District, and Commercial District I, regardless of whether any such uses or accessory uses requires a Special Permit or other approval in said zoning district, shall be allowed as of right in the Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District, other than the following uses: (i) automobile repair services and (ii) gasoline station or other service establishment for the retail distribution of petroleum products.

4.18.2.2 Uses, as allowed by Section 4.18.2.1 above, shall be limited for a period of time no longer than the earlier of the following: (i) the commencement of construction of the former Railroad Right-of-Way as a bikeway or linear park, or (ii) June 30, 2014.

4.18.2.3 Structures (defined in Section 2.1.79 of these Zoning Bylaws) shall be limited to temporary structures. For purposes of this Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District "temporary' shall, notwithstanding the time period set out in Section 2.1.81 of these Zoning Bylaws, mean with a time limit no greater than that allowed for uses authorized pursuant to said Section 4.18 as described above (no longer than the earlier of the following: (i) the commencement of construction of the former Railroad Right-of-Way as a bikeway or linear park, or (ii) June 30, 2014).

4.18.2.4 Any temporary structure in excess of seven hundred fifty (750) square feet of gross floor area shall have one (1) parking space for every seven hundred fifty (750) square feet of gross floor area. There shall be no other parking requirements for a use in this Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District. [See also M.G.L. c.40, Sec. 54A.]

4.18.2.5 The Performance Standards of Section 6.8 of these Zoning Bylaws shall be applicable to any use in this Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District..

Part II. ***Adding the Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District to Section 5.2.1 "Table One – Dimensional Requirements":***

District	Minimum Lot Size	Frontage and Lot Width in Feet	Per-cent Cover-age	**Minimum** Front	**Setback** Side	**in Feet** Rear	Height in Feet
Rail-road Right-of-Way Over-lay District	None *(17)*	None (17)	75 *(17)*	5*(16)(17)*	5*(16)(17)*	5*(16)(17)*	20

(16) Except that there shall not be a setback requirement if the property abutting the subject lot line is owned by the same person or entity that is using the property in the Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District.

(17) Property in the Railroad Right-of-Way District shall not be used in calculating or otherwise complying with the frontage, lot size, percent lot coverage or setback requirements of any abutting property.

Part III ***Amending the Town of Stoneham Zoning Map***

Amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Stoneham by adding the following portions of the former Railroad Right-of-Way to the Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District:

(i) Approximately 6599 linear feet of railroad right-of-way, being shown on plans 128L, 128R, 129L and 129R in plan book 442C on file at the Middlesex South District Registry with accompanying instrument recorded in Book 13117, Page 113 on December 27, 1976, and further described as follows:

Parcel 1: Beginning at the northerly sideline of Maple Street, a public way, and running northeasterly approximately 1070 feet to station 60 + 28.3, said portion being 41.25 feet in width. Thence continuing in a northeasterly direction from station 60 + 28.3, approximately 510 feet to the southerly sideline of Montvale Avenue, a public way, said portion being 33.00 feet in width.

Parcel 2: Beginning at a northerly sideline of the aforementioned Montvale Avenue and running northeasterly approximately 820 feet to the southerly sideline of Cottage Street, a public way, said portion currently shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as commercial land being 49.50 and 54.50 feet in width; and including a triangular area bounded on the north by the southerly sideline of Lindenwood Road, a public way, on the west by the easterly sideline of Cottage Street, a public way, and on the east by land now or formerly of Bradford.

Parcel 3: Beginning at the northerly sideline of the aforementioned Lindenwood Road and running northeasterly approximately 730 feet to the westerly sideline of William Street, a public way, said portion being of variable widths of approximately 50 feet.

Parcel 4: Beginning at the north easterly sideline of the aforementioned William Street and running northeasterly approximately 225 feet to the westerly sideline of Main Street, Route 28, a state highway, said portion being 49.50 feet in width.

Parcel 5: Beginning at the easterly sideline of Central Street, a public way, and running in a southeasterly direction approximately 1,570 feet to the northerly sideline of Pomeworth Street, being 49.50 feet in width.

Parcel 6: Beginning at the southerly sideline of the aforementioned Pomeworth Street and running southerly approximately 780 feet to the northerly sideline of Pleasant Street, a public way, said portion being of variable width of approximately 50 feet.

Parcel 7: Beginning at the southerly sideline of the aforementioned Pleasant Street and running southwesterly approximately 340 feet to the northerly sideline of Gould Street, a public way, said portion being 49.50 feet in width.

Said parcels 1 through 7 containing a total area of 302,550 square feet, more or less and meaning to include herein all property now owned by the Town of Stoneham (and previously owned by the MBTA) along the railroad right-of-way between Maple Street and Gould Street in Stoneham, Massachusetts.

If any section of Section 4.18 or portion thereof is declared invalid it shall not affect the validity or application of the remainder of the bylaw.

Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
⅔ Vote Required
Hand Count

Yes	No
152	65

⅔ Vote Passes Per Moderator

***Sent to Attorney General May 20, 2009 – Approved August 20, 2009.**

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to lease for a period of time no longer than the earlier of the following: (i) the commencement of construction of the former Railroad Right-of-Way as a bikeway or linear park, or (ii) June 30, 2014, all or any portion of the former Railroad Right-of-Way, as described below to one or more parties, to be used for any purpose(s) allowed under the Town of Stoneham Zoning Bylaws, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court (State Legislature), as follows:

1. To authorize the lease all or a portion of the former Railroad Right-of-Way to one or more parties to be used for any purpose(s) allowed under the Town of Stoneham Zoning Bylaws, notwithstanding the provisions of Amended Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

2. To authorize the proceeds from the lease of said Railroad Right-of-Way land to be deposited in a special account to be used at the determination of the Town Administrator for capital improvements to or maintenance or repair of the bikeway or linear park to be constructed on said property. If construction on the bikeway and/or linear park on the former Railroad Right-of-Way land has not begun by July 1, 2014, the funds deposited in said special account may thereafter be used, in the discretion of the Town Administrator, for capital improvements to or the maintenance or repair of other parks or recreational areas in the Town of Stoneham.

Said former Railroad Right-of-Way land being as follows:

(i) Approximately 6599 linear feet of railroad right-of-way, being shown on plans 128L, 128R, 129L and 129R in plan book 442C on file at the Middlesex South District Registry with accompanying instrument recorded in book 13117, page 113 of December 27, 1976, and further described as follows:

Parcel 1: Beginning at the northerly sideline of Maple Street, a public way, and running northeasterly approximately 1070 feet to station 60 + 28.3, said portion being 41.25 feet in width. Thence continuing in a northeasterly direction from station 60 + 28.3, approximately 510 feet to the southerly sideline of Montvale Avenue, a public way, said portion currently shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as commercial land being 33.00 feet in width.

Parcel 2: Beginning at a northerly sideline of the aforementioned Montvale Avenue and running northeasterly approximately 820 feet to the southerly sideline of Cottage Street, a public way, said portion currently shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as commercial land being 49.50 and 54.50 feet in width; and including a triangular area bounded on the north by the southerly sideline of Lindenwood Road, a public way, on the west by the easterly sideline of Cottage Street, a public way, and on the east by land now or formerly of Bradford currently shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as residence B land.

Parcel 3: Beginning at the northerly sideline of the aforementioned Lindenwood Road and running northeasterly approximately 730 feet to the westerly sideline of William Street, a public way, said portion currently shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as highway business being of variable widths of approximately 50 feet.

Parcel 4: Beginning at the north easterly sideline of the aforementioned William Street and running northeasterly approximately 225 feet to the westerly sideline of Main Street, Route 28, a state highway, said portion shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as highway business land being 49.50 feet in width.

Parcel 5: Beginning at the easterly sideline of Central Street, a public way, and running in a southeasterly direction approximately 1,570 feet to the northerly sideline of Pomeworth Street, a public way, approximately 788 feet of said portion shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as commercial land and the remaining portion, approximately 782 feet shown on the zoning map of the town of Stoneham as residence B land and being 49.50 feet in width.

Parcel 6: Beginning at the southerly sideline of the aforementioned Pomeworth Street and running southerly approximately 780 feet to the northerly sideline of Pleasant Street, a public way, said portion shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as commercial land and being of variable width of approximately 50 feet.

Parcel 7: Beginning at the southerly sideline of the aforementioned Pleasant Street and running southwesterly approximately 340 feet to the northerly sideline of Gould Street, a public way, said portion shown on the zoning map as commercial and being 49.50 feet in width.

Said parcels 1 through 7 containing a total area of 302,550 square feet, more or less and meaning to include herein all property now (or previously) owned by the (MBTA) along the railroad right-of-way between Maple Street and the end of Gould Street in Stoneham, Massachusetts.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 12. **Voted** that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to lease (or enter a similar agreement, including but not limited with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority ("MBTA"), for the subsequent leasing or licensing thereof by said MBTA) - for a period of time no longer than the earlier of the following: (i) the commencement of construction of the former Railroad Right-of-Way as a bikeway or linear park, or (ii) June 30, 2014, provided further that all lease instruments (or similar agreements) by the Town Administrator shall be limited to no more than twelve (12) months at a time - all or any portions of the former Railroad Right-of-Way as described below, to one or more parties, to be used for any purpose(s) allowed for said property under the Town of Stoneham Zoning Bylaws. And to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court (State Legislature), as follows, to the extent required by law to achieve such purposes:

1. For authorization for such leases for said limited period of time as referenced above, notwithstanding the provisions of Amended Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

2. To authorize the proceeds from the lease or agreement of said Railroad Right-of-Way land to be deposited in a special account to be used at the determination of the Town Administrator for capital improvements to, or maintenance or repair of, the bikeway or linear park to be constructed on said Railroad Right-of-Way property.

Said former Railroad Right-of-Way land being as follows:

(i) Approximately 6599 linear feet of railroad right-of-way, being shown on plans 128L, 128R, 129L and 129R in plan book 442C on file at the Middlesex South District Registry with accompanying instrument recorded in Book 13117, Page 113 on December 27, 1976, and further described as follows:

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Parcel 2: Beginning at a northerly sideline of the aforementioned Montvale Avenue and running northeasterly approximately 820 feet to the southerly sideline of Cottage Street, a public way, said portion currently shown on the zoning map of the Town of Stoneham as commercial land being 49.50 and 54.50 feet in width; and including a triangular area bounded on the north by the southerly sideline of Lindenwood Road, a public way, on the west by the easterly sideline of Cottage Street, a public way, and on the east by land now or formerly of Bradford.

Parcel 3: Beginning at the northerly sideline of the aforementioned Lindenwood Road and running northeasterly approximately 730 feet to the westerly sideline of William Street, a public way, said portion being of variable widths of approximately 50 feet.

Parcel 4: Beginning at the north easterly sideline of the aforementioned William Street and running northeasterly approximately 225 feet to the westerly sideline of Main Street, Route 28, a state highway, said portion being 49.50 feet in width.

Parcel 5: Beginning at the easterly sideline of Central Street, a public way, and running in a southeasterly direction approximately 1,570 feet to the northerly sideline of Pomeworth Street, being 49.50 feet in width.

Parcel 6: Beginning at the southerly sideline of the aforementioned Pomeworth Street and running southerly approximately 780 feet to the northerly sideline of Pleasant Street, a public way, said portion being of variable width of approximately 50 feet.

Parcel 7: Beginning at the southerly sideline of the aforementioned Pleasant Street and running southwesterly approximately 340 feet to the northerly sideline of Gould Street, a public way, said portion being 49.50 feet in width.

Said parcels 1 through 7 containing a total area of 302,550 square feet, more or less and meaning to include herein all property now owned by the Town of Stoneham (and previously owned by the MBTA) along the railroad right-of-way between Maple Street and Gould Street in Stoneham, Massachusetts.

Motion to amend made by Catherine Moore 15 Ledge Street, as follows: "lease will include the following 1. a provision that 20 feet of the right of way left without barrier to passing through by the public. 2. lessee be required to post a bond of $50,000 to ensure that funds are available if the lessee fails to vacate at the end of the lease. 3. the Town has the right to remove any betterments on property without liability to the lessee.

Motion to Amend
Amendment Fails
Vote on Main Motion
Majority Vote Required
Hand Count

Yes	No
148	45

Passes Per Moderator

***sent to Legislators on May 11, 2009**

***Michael Rotondi stepped back in as Moderator at the conclusion of Article 12.**

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, said property being a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting 407 Main street to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale of said land or to grant a 494 square foot access and utility easement on said parcel of land and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said sale or grant of said easement or to do anything in relation thereto. Said parcel being shown as Parcel "A" on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Stoneham" dated February 19, 2009 drawn by Benchmark Survey.

Charles F. Houghton et al
15 Kimball Drive

Article 13. **Voted** that the Town transfer the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, said property being a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting 407 Main street to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale of said land or to grant a 494 square foot access and utility easement on said parcel of land and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said sale or grant of said easement or to do

anything in relation thereto. Said parcel being shown as Parcel "A" on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Stoneham" dated February 19, 2009 drawn by Benchmark Survey.

⅔ Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Public Way the following way as laid out by the Town Administrator:

Benjamin Terrace, Stoneham, MA from Franklin Street to a cul-de-sac a distance of Four Hundred Thirty and Seventeen Hundredths (430.17) feet more or less.

And authorize the Board of Selectmen or Town Administrator to obtain by purchase, accept as a gift, take by right of eminent domain under provisions of Chapter 79 or 80a of the General Laws, or otherwise acquire any land or interest in land necessary or proper for the acceptance of such ways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for plans, recording fees, legal expense in connection with acceptance of said ways, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 14. **Voted** that the Town accept as a Public Way the following way as laid out by the Town Administrator:

Benjamin Terrace, Stoneham, MA from Franklin Street to a cul-de-sac a distance of Four Hundred Thirty and Seventeen Hundredths (430.17) feet more or less.

And authorize the Board of Selectmen or Town Administrator to obtain by purchase, accept as a gift, take by right of eminent domain under provisions of Chapter 79 or 80a of the General Laws, or otherwise acquire any land or interest in land necessary or proper for the acceptance of such ways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for plans, recording fees, legal expense in connection with acceptance of said ways, or do anything in relation thereto.

⅔ Vote Required
Hand Count
Yes No
74 35
Passes Per Moderator

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Board of Health Revolving Account from $10,000 to $25,000 or to do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Health

Article 15. **Voted** that the Town reauthorize the Board of Health Revolving account in an amount up to or including $25,000. For the purpose of public health use including personnel, operating and/or contractual services and expenses.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through registration fees and other revenues for Recreation Programs to pay the costs of the
Recreation program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Program Coordinator, not to exceed $200,000 during Fiscal Year 2010 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2009 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 16. **Voted** that the Town reauthorize the revolving fund that was voted under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated through registration fees and other revenues for Recreation Programs to pay the costs of the

Recreation program and related expenses, and authorize expenditures by the Recreation Program Coordinator, not to exceed $200,000 during Fiscal Year 2010 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2009 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the Fire Station to pay the utility, cleaning and maintenance costs, and capital improvements of the Fire Station, and authorize expenditures by the Fire Chief, not to exceed $25,000 during Fiscal Year 2010 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2009 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 17. **Voted** that the Town reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the Fire Station to pay the utility, cleaning and maintenance costs, and capital improvements of the Fire Station, and authorize expenditures by the Fire Chief, not to exceed $25,000 during Fiscal Year 2010 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2009 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to amend the Fiscal Year 2009 department budgets approved under Article No. 33 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, as amended. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18. **Voted** that the Town amend various Fiscal Year 2009 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 33 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, as amended (As shown in Exhibit A). In addition, transfer $450,741 from the Stabilization Fund as a result of the State 9c reductions to FY09 additional Assistance and Lottery revenue.

⅔ Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 18 Exhibit A

Increase the following budgets:

Dept.#	Department	Salaries	Operating	Total	
122	Selectmen	$1,500		$1,500	New enrollment on Individual Health 4/1/09
123	Town Administrator	$10,000		$10,000	Additional Hrs. needed for Benefits Coordinator
151	Town Counsel	$3,000		$3,000	Change From Ind to Fam Health (4 mos. @ $750/mo.)
172	Whip Hill	$7,000		$7,000	Per SCEA Agreement
210	Police	$125,000		$125,000	Overtime Shortfall
211	Traffic Directors	$8,000		$8,000	Parking Enforcement
220	Fire		$10,000	$10,000	Increased Vehicle & Public Safety Supply Costs
241	Building Department	$2,750		$2,750	temporary help needed while emp out sick
400	Public Works Department	$8,897	$100,000	$108,897	$340k Snow & Ice Deficit (offset with savings of $50K from vacant position, $30K from FEMA Grant, and $150K from savings in the Trash Budget)
543	Veterans		$30,000	$30,000	more claims
631	Arena	$18,500		$18,500	part time help needed due to emp on military leave and cleanup during renovations (Arena Boards & Ceiling)
	Total Budget Increases	**$184,647**	**$140,000**	**$324,647**	

Decrease the following budgets:

132	Finance Board Reserve Fund		($20,897)	($20,897)	$0 remain in the Reserve Fund
135	Town Accountant	($10,000)		($10,000)	savings from employee on unpaid leave
220	Fire	($40,000)		($40,000)	Health Ins. Savings
241	Building Department		($2,750)	($2,750)	savings in Public Safety Services
510	Board of Health	($10,000)		($10,000)	vacant position
918	Capital		($241,000)	($241,000)	Leaves $175,000 for Capital needs
	Total Budget Decreases	**($60,000)**	**($264,647)**	**($324,647)**	

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the total amount of Fiscal Year 2009 Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to the Stabilization Fund Account immediately after it has been certified by the Department of Revenue; or do anything in relation there to.

John M. DeGeorge et al
148 Franklin Street

Article 19. **Voted** that the Town transfer the total amount of Fiscal Year 2009 Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to the Stabilization Fund Account immediately after it has been certified by the Department of Revenue.

⅔ Vote Required
Fails Per Moderator

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Stabilization Account to the "Capital Stabilization Account".

Board of Selectmen

Article 20. **Voted** that the Town transfer Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) from the Stabilization Account to the "Capital Stabilization Account".

⅔ Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the Board of Assessors to pay for the costs of Interim Year Adjustments for all real estate and for an Update of all real estate and personal property. Such funding shall come from the Overlay Surplus Account. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 21. **Voted** that the Town appropriate a sum of money One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) for the Board of Assessors to pay for the costs of Interim Year Adjustments for all real estate and for an Update of all real estate and personal property. Such funding shall come from the Overlay Surplus Account.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the maintenance and improvement of Whip Hill Park or do anything in relation thereto.

Conservation Commission

Article 22. **Voted** that the subject matter of article 22 be indefinitely postponed.

Passes Per Moderator

Article 23. To see if the Town will approve the provisions of M.G.L. c. 32 § 20(6), which will allow the elected and appointed members of the Stoneham Retirement Board to receive an annual stipend of three thousand dollars.

Retirement Board

Article 23. **Voted** that the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 32 § 20(6), which will allow the elected and appointed members of the Stoneham Retirement Board to receive an annual stipend of three thousand dollars.

Fails Per Moderator

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintain the water system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 24. **Voted** that the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintain the water system within the limits of the Town.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintain the sewer system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintain the sewer system within the limits of the Town.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, such sums as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including debt and interest and a reserve fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 26. **Voted** that the Town raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, the sum of Sixty Million One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars ($60,133,817) to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including the Town operating budget for the year beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; said sum as itemized on Exhibit B.

Motion to Amend made by John DeAmicis, 85 Fellsview Road, Member of the Finance & Advisory Board, as follows:

"To amend the FY10 budget to accord to what is printed in the Town Meeting Booklet on page 38, by adding $8,170 in Dept 182 Planning/Conservation for a total of $29,461 in Dept 182 and a total budget of $60,141,987."

Exhibit B as Amended

DEPARTMENT	FY10 BUDGET		
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
114 Town Moderator	$200	$20	$220
122 Board of Selectmen	$82,807	$9,947	$92,754
123 Town Administrator	$268,598	$45,000	$313,598
132 Reserve Fund	$0	$0	$0
135 Town Accountant	$197,137	$1,550	$198,687
141 Board of Assessors	$141,561	$4,600	$146,161
145 Treasurer	$194,131	$18,630	$212,761
151 Town Counsel	$101,264	$7,725	$108,989
155 GIS/MIS	$64,119	$110,953	$175,072
161 Town Clerk	$133,041	$3,700	$136,741
162 Elections & Registrations	$39,140	$22,250	$61,390
172 Whiphill Park	$0	$10,950	$10,950
182 Planning Bd/BOA/Conserv.	**$28,301**	$1,160	**$29,461**
192 Public Property Maint.	$1,000	$94,112	$95,112
210 Police Department	$2,900,701	$197,495	$3,098,196
211 Traffic Directors	$119,553	$2,000	$121,553
212 Dispatchers	$308,429	$4,870	$313,299
220 Fire Department	$2,246,233	$138,503	$2,384,736
241 Building & Wire	$164,865	$7,900	$172,765
291 Civil Defense	$2,000	$0	$2,000
300 Public Schools	$0	$22,163,000	$22,163,000
398 Minuteman Voc. School	$0	$38,000	$38,000
399 Northeast Voc. School	$0	$647,978	$647,978
400 Public Works Admin.	$738,218	$2,482,405	$3,220,623
440 Sewer	$441,743	$4,110,594	$4,552,337
450 Water	$455,359	$2,866,837	$3,322,196
510 Board of Health	$134,307	$1,840	$136,147
541 Council on Aging	$0	$30,000	$30,000
543 Veterans	$10,455	$79,050	$89,505

610 Public Library	$501,653	$117,950	$619,603
630 Unicorn Golf	$222,955	$278,841	$501,796
631 Arena	$150,026	$301,480	$451,506
710 Maturing Debt & Interest	$0	$4,909,425	$4,909,425
910 Noncontributory Pension	$0	$56,500	$56,500
911 Contributory Pension	$0	$3,685,346	$3,685,346
912 Health Insurance	$0	$6,875,526	$6,875,526
919 Unclassified	$0	$1,131,969	$1,131,969
920 Non-Departmental	$0	$36,085	$36,085
	$9,647,796	**$50,494,191**	**$60,141,987**

Said Sum to be raised or transferred as follows:

Revenue of the Current Year	**$51,206,680**
By transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Income Fund	$28,000
By transfer from the Sale of Lots & Graves Res. For Approp.	$65,000
By transfer from the Sale of Dog License Fund	$8,000
By transfer from the Whip Hill Trust	$10,950
By transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account	$135,000
By transfer from the Estimated Sewer Receipts to:	
Department #440 Sewer Department	$4,552,337
Department #710 Debt Service	$89,760
Department #135 Town Accountant	$15,537
Department #145 Town Treasurer	$16,638
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	$13,691
Department #911 Contributory Pension	$135,813
Department #912 Health Insurance	$86,847
Department #919 Unclassified Budget	$39,522
By transfer from the Estimated Water Receipts to:	
Department #450 Sewer Department	$3,322,196
Department #710 Debt Service	$136,080
Department #135 Town Accountant	$11,623
Department #145 Town Treasurer	$12,447
Department #155 MIS/GIS Department	$10,242
Department #911 Contributory Pension	$139,964
Department #912 Health Insurance	$80,098
Department #919 Unclassified Budget	$25,562
Total Estimated Revenues	**$60,141,987**

Motion to Amend
Amendment Passes Per Moderator
Main Motion as Amended
Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Motion to Dissolve
Meeting Dissolved at 11:15PM

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, October 26, 2009

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street,** on

Monday, October 26, 2009

at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles of this Warrant:

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 147 voters were inside the meeting.
The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:04 PM. He thanked the Town's organist Bruce Netten for playing. Moderator Rotondi led the Pledge of Allegiance and the warrant was read.

Article 1. To see if the Town will accept M.G.L. c. 64L, § 2(a) to impose a local meals excise of 0.75% effective January 1, 2010.

John Warren et al
25 Dean Street

Article 1. **Voted** that the Town accept M.G.L. c. 64L, § 2(a) to impose a local meals excise of 0.75% effective January 1, 2010.

Vote on Main Motion
Fails Per Moderator

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to grant a 500 square foot, more or less, access and utility easement on a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting 411 Main Street parcel of land and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said grant of said easement or to do anything in relation thereto. Said parcel being shown on a plan entitled, "Site Plan of Land of 409-419 Main Street in Stoneham" dated June 3, 2008 as revised and drawn by P.J.F. and Associates, 11 Gleason Street, Medford, MA.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. **Voted** that the Town transfer the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, 150 square feet, more or less, said property being a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting the rear of 411 Main Street, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale of said land; and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said transfer and sale. Said parcel being shown on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land of 411 Main Street Rear in Stoneham" dated October 15, 2009 and drawn by P.J.F. and Associates, 11 Gleason Street, Medford, MA.

⅔Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, said property being a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting 397 Main Street to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale of said land or to grant 224 square foot access and utility easement on said parcel of land and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said sale of grant of said easement or to do anything in relation thereto. Said parcel being shown as lot B on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land Stoneham" dated September 22, 2009 drawn by P.J.F. and Associates.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. **Voted** that the Town transfer the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, 224 square feet more or less, said property being a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting the rear of 397 Main Street, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale of said land; and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said transfer and sale. Said parcel being shown as lot B on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land Stoneham" dated September 22, 2009 drawn by P.J.F. and Associates, 11 Gleason Street, Medford, MA.

⅔Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the amount to be raised and appropriated under Article No. 26 of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting and adjust the Fiscal Year 2010 departmental budgets and funding sources (as described in Exhibit A).

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. **Voted** that the Town amend the amount to be raised and appropriated under Article No. 26 of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting and adjust the Fiscal Year 2010 departmental budgets and funding sources by reducing said amount by Three Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars ($371,353)--(as shown in Exhibit A).

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 4
Exhibit A

Adjust the following budgets:

Dept. #	Department	Salaries	Operating	Total	
132	Reserve Fund		$26,667	$26,667	Increase Budget voted at the 5/4/09 Annual Town Mtg.
135	Accounting Dept	($22,000)		($22,000)	Reduce Asst Town Acct position to 15 hrs from 32 hrs
155	MIS/GIS		($2,500)	($2,500)	Savings in Telephone Budget
161	Town Clerk		$10,000	$10,000	2010 Federal Census
162	Elections & Registrations		$16,000	$16,000	2 Special Elections (12/8 State Primary & 1/19 State Election)
210	Police	$4,000		$4,000	Transfer Animal Control $ from DPW $4K
300	School Department		($155,889)	($155,889)	Reduce Budget voted at the 5/4/09 Annual Town Mtg.
398	Minuteman Voc. School		$18,000	$18,000	Increase Budget voted at the 5/4/09 Annual Town Mtg.
399	Northeast Reg. Voc. School		($41,667)	($41,667)	This approves a Northeast Reg. Voc. Budget of $606,311.
400	Public Works Department	($4,000)	($120,000)	($124,000)	Refuse Savings $120K; Transfer Animal Control $ to Police $4K

541	Council on Aging		$12,240	$12,240	Increase Budget voted at the 5/4/09 Annual Town Mtg.
631	Arena		($5,000)	($5,000)	Savings in Vending Supplies
919	Unclassified		($107,204)	($107,204)	Savings in Workers' Comp ($27,500) & Prop/Liab Ins ($82,129); $2425 needed for Wireless Cellular Facility Technical Consultant.
	Net amount	($22,000)	($349,353)	($371,353)	

Adjust the following funding sources:

Reduce revenue of the Current Year:	($828,778)	Reduce State Aid $697,701; Reduce Local Receipts $131,077 (COA Rentals of $12,240 was added to FY10 Local Receipts to offset the budget increase.)
Transfer from Surplus Revenue	$282,425	Represents 61.88% of Free Cash certified at $456,425
Transfer from Overlay Surplus	$175,000	New Released Overlay at 9/1/09 Assessors' Meeting
Transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Income Fund	$20,000	To make up for shortfall in Sale of Lots & Graves Acct.
Reduce Sale of Lots & Graves Res. For Approp.	($20,000)	$65K was voted to be transferred at the 5/4/09 Annual Town Mtg, but only $45K is available.
Net amount	($371,353)	
Shortfall	**$0**	

Article 5. **Voted** that the Town transfer Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars ($87,000) from Surplus Revenue into the Stabilization Fund.

⅔Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Surplus Revenue into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. **Voted** that the Town transfer Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars ($87,000) from Surplus Revenue into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

⅔Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to: (i) appropriate a sum of money from the Capital Stabilization Account, and (ii) transfer funding from Article 12 of the October 2008 Special Town Meeting to fund capital projects, or do anything in relation thereto.

Town of Stoneham
Capital Committee

Article 7. **Voted** that the Town appropriate and fund capital expenditures totaling Five Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars ($557,000) in the following manner:

i) Purchase two marked police vehicles in the amount Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars ($62,000). Said sum totaling $62,000 to be transferred as follows: $11,490 from available funds remaining under Article #10 of the October 2005 Special Town Meeting; $21,350 from the account entitled "Reserve for Appropriation--Insurance Reimbursement Greater Than $20,000"; and $29,160 from the Capital Stabilization Fund;

ii) Replace/install/major repair the air conditioner at the Senior Center in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000). Said sum totaling $60,000 to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund;

iii) Replace/install/major repair the Digital Fire Alarm System in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000). Said sum totaling $40,000 to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund;

iv) Purchase a van for the Senior Center in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000). Said sum totaling $60,000 to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund;

v) Replace/install/major repair windows at the Library in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000). Said sum totaling $15,000 to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund;

vi) Replace/install/major repair doors at the Stoneham Arena in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000). Said sum totaling $20,000 to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund; and

vii) Replace/install/major repair Town Drainage in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000). Said sum totaling $300,000 to come from borrowing pursuant to Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws and any other applicable laws.

⅔Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $382,269 to be received by the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for fiscal year 2010 for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditure or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. **Voted** that the Town appropriate $382,269 to be received by the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for fiscal year 2010 for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditure.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Motion to Dissolve
Meeting Dissolved at 8:36 PM.

Special State Primary - Stoneham - December 8, 2009

Democrat Results								
Senator in Congress	**Pct. 1**	**Pct. 2**	**Pct.3**	**Pct. 4**	**Pct. 5**	**Pct. 6**	**Pct. 7**	**Total**
Blanks	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	7
Michael E. Capuano	137	121	169	126	148	146	110	957
Martha Coakley	223	247	269	208	201	177	173	1498
Alan A. Khazei	36	41	39	39	32	42	41	270
Stephen G. Pagliuca	44	55	54	42	52	64	58	369
Write-ins	0	1	1	1	4	0	2	9
Total	440	465	534	417	438	429	387	3110
								3110

Republican Results								
Senator in Congress	**Pct. 1**	**Pct. 2**	**Pct.3**	**Pct. 4**	**Pct. 5**	**Pct. 6**	**Pct. 7**	**Total**
Blanks	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Scott P. Brown	72	104	105	100	104	90	79	654
Jack E. Robinson	8	6	11	8	14	8	12	67
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	80	110	117	109	118	99	91	724
								724

Libertarian Results								
Senator in Congress	**Pct. 1**	**Pct. 2**	**Pct.3**	**Pct. 4**	**Pct. 5**	**Pct. 6**	**Pct. 7**	**Total**
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
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TOWN COUNSEL

I am pleased to offer the following report concerning the office of the Town Counsel for the Year 2009.

With respect to litigation to which the Town was a party, the following cases were disposed of in the Year 2009:

G & L Ventures, LLC d/b/a ServPro of Stoneham/Wakefield v. Town of Stoneham, MIIA Property and Casualty Group, Inc. and NSTAR, Middlesex Superior Court, Civil Action No. MICV2008-4283B (Dispute regarding payment to ServePro for clean-up after a fire in an NSTAR utility room at the Stoneham High School).

City of Melrose v. Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court, Civil Action No. 08-4490. (Regarding Ravine Road)

Petrosino, Trustee of Stevens Street Realty Trust v. Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Stoneham, Land Court Case Nos. 07 MISC. 351437 and 07 MISC. 351439.

Planning Board of the Town of Stoneham, Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham, and Town of Stoneham v. Planning Board of the City of Melrose and Stone Place Limited Partnership, Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 09-2656 and C.A. No. 09-3115

Scullin v. Town of Stoneham Board of Registrar of Voters, Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 09-1744-J. (Challenge of the election results in the election of a member of the Board of Health.)

Seibold v. Town of Stoneham Zoning Board of Appeals and Denise Dune, Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 08-1065.

In the Stone Place cases, referenced above, the Town challenged the Melrose Planning Board's special permit and site plan decisions regarding the proposed Stone Place residential development, located off of Washington Street in Melrose, on procedural grounds. An appeal of the site plan decision was also filed with the Melrose Zoning Board of Appeals. After extensive negotiations between all affected public and private parties, a settlement of these cases was reached, as well as an earlier City of Melrose legal action (also referenced above) was reached.

Significant time was given to the joint cases of Angelo Petrosino, Trustee of Stevens Street Realty Trust v. Gerard Cunningham, Vice Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Middlesex Superior Court, Civil Action Nos. 07 MISC 351437 and 07 MISC 351439, in which this office defended the Zoning Board of Appeals' denial of variances for two-family dwellings. The Land Court upheld the Board of Appeals remand decisions in this matter.

This office also drafted the warrant articles allowing for the temporary licensing and/or use and occupation of certain portions of the Railroad Right-of-Way ("ROW") owned by the Town. The goal of the Town was to insure that the temporary use of the ROW was lawful, consistent with the Town's goal of a bike path/linear park, while at the same time providing revenues to the Town. The warrant articles addressed aspects of zoning, licensing and the use of the resulting funds. After significant effort, including many meetings and discussions with the MBTA, interested and concerned parties in Stoneham, and representatives of the Offices of the Inspector General and the Attorney General, this goal was achieved. At the Annual Town Meeting, the required bylaws were adopted, and subsequently thereto, the Town entered into a license agreement with the MBTA, which then entered use and occupancy agreements with some of the abutters to the ROW, thereby protecting and furthering the legal and financial interests of the Town, while preserving the ROW for its future use as a bike path/linear park. The assistance of the MBTA (including Mark Boyle, Assistant General Manager for Development) and Transit Realty Associates (including Mr. Robert LaVita, real estate management) in this process, is acknowledged and appreciated.

The Development Agreement and the Mitigation Covenant for the proposed development of at the Boston Regional Medical Center were also updated and amended in 2009. These agreements limit the size and nature of the proposed development, while providing mitigation payments to the Town to help cover the cost of specified and potential capital expenses the Town may incur.

Payment of Sixty Three Thousand Dollars ($63,000) was obtained from Pan Am Railways, thereby satisfying the debt owned by the company (and its predecessor) as a result of a One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollar ($180,000) settlement reached in 2006. This amount included Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000) in interest.

This office was also able to obtain reimbursement for consultant fees, in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Forty Dollars ($13,040), incurred by the Town in reviewing the 2008 variance petition of Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (a subsidiary of T-Mobile USA, Inc.) to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an 80 foot cell tower and wireless facility at the St. Patrick's Cemetery located off Broadway. (As noted in last year's annual report from this office, T-Mobile withdrew its petition during the third day of the hearing.)

In 2009, the Town continued to receive funding from agreements which were previously negotiated and drafted by this office. In 2009, these payments included, but were not limited to: (i) the payment of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) by Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc. as an impact for a billboard off of Maple Street; and (ii) the payment of Five Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars ($5,125) by Verizon Wireless as a payment-in-lieu of tax for its cell tower/wireless facility at the Commonwealth's Department of Conservation and Recreation's maintenance yard off South and Pond Streets.

Significant time and attention was given to the Town's attempt to lease space and adjacent real estate to the Boston Bruins, including, but not limited to the drafting of a detailed request for proposal which laid out various options for potential bidders. This office worked closely with the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen liaisons on this matter, including many meetings and discussions with the interested parties, as

well as numerous discussions with state officials, including the offices of the Attorney General and the Inspector General. Outside counsel specializing in commercial leases was also consulted. Unfortunately, after much due diligence by both sides, the Bruins decided not to proceed ahead with this significant project.

As in past years, I responded to questions and requests from various boards and committees, including the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. This office assisted the Board of Appeals with the "Section 6" application of the wireless provider Metro PCS for wireless arrays on the Dow Building in Stoneham Square. As a result of regulations previously adopted by the Board of Appeals at the suggestion of this office, costs incurred by the Town for its internal review were covered by a Five Thousand Dollar ($5,000) application fee, and the costs of the Town's outside "RF Consultant" were also paid for by the applicant.

As a result of the existing cable license agreements issued by the Board of Selectmen with assistance from this office, the Town received over Four Hundred Thousand Dollars ($400,000) in Public, Educational and Government ("PEG") access and other cable operating and capital funding from its three (3) cable licensees (Comcast, RCN and Verizon of New England) in 2009. Most of these funds are provided to Stoneham Community Access to operate Stoneham TV and to the Stoneham Public Schools for the High School studio and related costs. Some of the RCN funds are used for the Town's operation of the government access channel and Town telecommunication needs.

My thanks and appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and other Town officials, department heads and employees, including Muriel Doherty the Board of Selectmen's Office Manager, and Debbie Pettengill of the Town Administrator's office, for their continued assistance. Special acknowledgement and appreciation goes to Claire Garrett of this legal office, for her outstanding work and service on my behalf and for our community.

It is my honor to serve as Town Counsel.

William H. Solomon
Town Counsel

STONEHAM TOWN HALL ORGAN

While almost everybody in Stoneham comes to the Town Hall at one time or another - to pay bills, get licenses or passports, to vote, or to attend civic meetings - many are not aware of the building's most unique feature, the Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ in the auditorium. Stoneham is the only town in America that owns a theatre organ.

The organ, built by Wurlitzer in 1927 and originally installed in WNAC radio (now WRKO), was donated to the town by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Patch in 1942. It has almost 1,000 pipes, plus numerous percussions, including cymbals, xylophone, castanets, car horn, and doorbell. From the 1940's through the '70's, all the great theatre organists of the time came to Stoneham Town Hall to give organ concerts.

Theatre organs are not like a church organs. They look, sound, and are played differently. Theatre organs are much more versatile, capable of playing all kinds of music. Less than 3% of all theatre organs ever built still exist in America. Stoneham's organ is one of only 49 in the country known to be unchanged since it was originally installed.

The organ highlight of 2009 was a concert in May, in conjunction with the Chevalier Theatre Organ Society, featuring Jim and Linda Duncan at the organ and piano.

The Stoneham Organ Society, a nonprofit corporation, under the supervision of Town Organist Bruce Netten, has taken over the maintenance and restoration of the organ, as the town cannot afford to do so. The organ's first major overhaul is continuing. We are very fortunate to have the services of expert theatre organ technician John Phipps, who has been charging us less than a quarter of the going rate. Due to shortage of funds little work was completed in 2009.

The major work that remains is:

1. The relay (the brain of the organ, which takes the signals from the keys and stops and tells which pipes to play) is in such bad condition that it is beyond economical repair and should be replaced. It is unreliable and its wiring is not up to current electrical code.

2. Each of the 1,000 pipes has a pneumatic valve under it to make it play. The 82-year-old leather in these valves is failing and must be replaced.

These two problems are the cause of 'dead notes' (pipes that do not play) and, if not corrected, will cause so many that the organ will soon become unplayable and a unique part of Stoneham's heritage would be lost.

The American Theatre Organ Society, an international organization dedicated to conserving and promoting theatre pipe organs and their music, has given a grant to help pay for some of the needed leather to recover the pneumatic valves. However, much more money must be collected to complete this extremely labor-intensive job. Tax-deductible contributions to the Stoneham Organ Society are badly needed to continue the restoration of the Town organ. Due to lack of funds for maintenance, our organ will most likely not be in good enough condition to be included in the American Theatre Organ Society's 2011 international convention in Boston, which would have brought the town income and prestige.

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

The primary function of this office is the management of the Town's funds. We are responsible for depositing all revenue, as well as dispersing all payroll and vendor checks. Investment management and bond indebtedness are also functions of the Treasurer.

Interest rates have been considerably low at most banking and investing institutions and consequently our interest earnings have been considerably lower in 2009 than in the past few years. We have had to collateralize most of our accounts leading to even lower interest rates than other types of accounts. Until the markets become more stabilized I can't foresee our interest earnings changing for the better. My main objective still is to keep the town's funds safe, liquid and invested at the highest possible yield.

As we had suspected 2009 was a learning experience for my staff and me. Now all of the financial departments and utility billing are all under the same Munis software. I think we did considerable well in regards to the obstacles we were facing. In the meantime we were updated to a new version of Munis, 7.4, which has created its own sets of problems. I am hoping in the near future these complications will be addressed and straightened out.

At this time I would like to thank my assistant, Paulette Gerry, and my office staff, Kathy Sullivan, Peggy Columbus and Erin Sinclair. Without them this department could not run as efficiently as it does. Together we make a great team!

Respectfully,

Diane M. Murphy
Treasurer/Tax Collector